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Peace treaty ends 46 years of hostility

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WADI ARABA ON THE ISRAELI-JORDANIAN BORDER

AFTER three wars and 46 years of hostility, Jordan and Israel finally and formally made peace yesterday at a joyful ceremony held in a former minefield in the desert dividing the two countries.

Fifteen years after Egypt signed the Camp David accord, Jordan became only the second Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel and in doing so gave new momentum to a Middle East peace process in danger of being derailed by recent terrorist outrages.

President Clinton visits Damascus today, and both America and Israel hope that yesterday's ceremony will prompt President Assad of Syria to make concessions leading to a comprehensive Middle East peace lest his country find itself left behind.

Yesterday Jordan helped to set the pace for a possible agreement between Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights — captured by Israel in 1967 — by agreeing to lease areas of land back to Israel. So far Syria has rejected that solution for the Golan Heights. The two areas of land leased back by Jordan are at Naharayim south of Nazareth and a kibbutz in the Zofar area of the Araba Valley between the Dead Sea and Eilat.

Speaking within sight of the watch towers and coiled barbed wire marking the heavily fortified border, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister who led Israeli forces against Jordan and other Arab states in the 1967 Six-Day War, used the surrounding desert as a metaphor for the barrenness of past Jordanian-Israeli relations and spoke of turning it into "a fertile oasis" for future generations of both peoples.

King Husain of Jordan, whose grandfather was assassinated for contemplating peace with Israel, said the day marked "the end of a chapter of darkness and the opening of a book of light". President Clinton, whose Administration helped to broker the agreement, said that it would "break the chains of the past that have for too long kept you shackled in strife and suffering". More controversially, Israel recognises formally the special role of Jordan in Jerusalem's Muslim holy shrines.

The king also won approval for the Jordanian view of the broader boundary question between the two countries, with a return to the line of 1922.

Rows of American, Israeli and Jordanian flags strained in the hot desert wind as grandchildren of those killed in the 1967 war presented flowers to the two countries' leaders and as Israeli and Jordanian soldiers exchanged gifts before 6,000 foreign dignitaries, invited guests and the world's media. The extraordinary security surrounding the ceremony underscored the extreme fragility of a peace where extremists are determined to stop any Arab accommodation with Israel. The site was ringed by barbed wire, military helicopters circled overhead and troops patrolled the surrounding wasteland.

Throughout the day, Mr Clinton seized every chance to denounce the extremists, both rhetorically and symbolically. Landing in Cairo in the small hours, he went straight to lay a wreath at the tomb of Anwar Sadat, the Egyptian President assassinated two years after he made peace with Israel.

In Wadi Araba, the signing ceremony was timed for American breakfast television and showed Mr Rabin and King Husain lauding Mr Clinton for his key role in brokering the peace agreement. Such pictures can only help to boost his stature before the November 8 congressional elections.

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Mawhinney turns down green lobby over roads

BY TIM JONES AND NICK NUTTALL

THE Transport Secretary yesterday dismissed one of the recommendations of the Royal Commission report into transport and the environment, refusing to halt the Government's £19 billion road-building programme.

Dr Brian Mawhinney said that other aspects of the 325-page report would have to be carefully considered. He warned: "There is a lot of cost associated with this report. People are going to have to determine, with Government help, how much they are prepared to change their lifestyles if they want to shift the balance between road and rail and between economic considerations, personal-choice considerations and environmental considerations."

The Commission, chaired by Sir John Houghton, concluded that further road building was unsustainable and called for all such projects to be stopped while the report was considered.

Among its recommendations were that petrol should be raised to as much as £5 a gallon within 10 years, spending on motorways and trunk roads should be reduced by half, and that money saved on roads should be switched to improve public transport.

It also said that by 2005, cars should be 40 per cent more fuel efficient, airlines should pay fuel tax, and agreed with Tuesday's Transport Committee report that sales of super unleaded petrol should be ended.

Sir John said the result of all this would be "a transport system which will be much less damaging to health and the environment, and at the same time more efficient in providing the access people want for work and for leisure."

He said: "Acceptance of the proposed target of a 20 per cent cut in transport's carbon dioxide emissions over the next 25 years could require some unpalatable measures such as very substantial petrol price increases and lower speed limits." The report, which took 2½ years to complete, is the most thorough study ever undertaken of the environmetal and health costs of transport.

Professor Richard Macrory, one of the Commission members, said they had considered recommending a merger of the Departments of Transport and Environment. He said: "This is a last-chance saloon. If this does not work ... we will have to look at this again." The Commission estimated that damage from traffic and aircraft noise, exhaust fumes and the effect on nature areas cost up to £18 billion a year.

It concluded that private cars and road freight are being subsidised by the health service, which is having to treat people suffering from breathing difficulties, asthma and stress-related illnesses caused by fumes and traffic noise. Industry, the report says, is also having to pick up the cost of the motorist in days lost at work due to traffic-related illnesses.

"We hope the overall vision we have presented will generate the impetus and commitment required to realise the benefits of a new transport strategy," Sir John said. "The challenge must be taken up by Government, by industry and by all of us individually. There are opportunities for industry to develop innovative technologies that will be competitive in world markets."

John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said: "The Royal Commission deserves credit for the work it has done in preparing this report. We must devote similar care to considering its recommendations." He added: "I look forward to working closely with Brian Mawhinney on the Government's response.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, said her department would look at the Royal Commission's recommendations "to see how they may strengthen our priorities for action".

Michael Meacher, Labour's shadow Transport Secretary, said: "The great car economy is over. We need an immediate moratorium on the roads-building programme, and any money saved from cancelled schemes chanelled into alternative provision, not hidden in the Treasury."

Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, predicted the government would ignore the report. "They will offer warm words and then not do anything," he said.

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Senior Labour figures at a ceremony yesterday to name the party's headquarters in Walworth Road, London, in honour of John Smith, the leader who died this year

Blair promotes women to Labour frontbench

BY JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair last night announced an extensive overhaul of his frontbench team with top jobs for women and his closest allies. Today the Labour leader will complete his new team by transforming the whips office with the appointment of six high-flyers from the 1992 intake of MPs.

Joan Ruddock, gets the biggest job outside the shadow cabinet by becoming Frank Dobson's deputy at environment. Two women, Hilary Armstrong, the late John Smith's parliamentary private secretary and Dawn Primarolo, formerly number two at health, join Gordon Brown in the Treasury team. Ann Clwyd moves from employment to foreign affairs to join Joyce Quin as Robin Cook's deputies. The most innovative appointments will come today with the promotion of six new MPs to the whips office including Peter Mandelson, the MP for Hartlepool and a key player in Mr Blair's leadership campaign, and Geoff Hoon, the MP for Ashfield, a former MEP who helped mastermind Labour's tactics during the passage of the Maastricht Treaty bill.

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Universe only half as old as its stars

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

COSMOLOGISTS have been thrown into confusion by the discovery that the universe is only half as old as the stars it contains.

The conclusion — a logical impossibility — results from a discovery by the Hubble space telescope. By measuring the varying brightness of a series of stars in a galaxy in the Virgo constellation, the telescope has shown that they are only about 51 million light years away, rather nearer than previously thought.

Given the speed at which they are receding, this implies that the universe must have begun about eight billion years ago, yet some stars are believed to be as old as 16 billion years. The contradiction means that the Big Bang theory of cosmology is in serious difficulty.

"We may be forced to accept something new about the ages of the stars or the nature of the universe," writes George Jacoby, an American astronomer in this week's *Nature*.

The long-awaited Hubble findings, also published in *Nature*, confirm recent results from a ground-based telescope in Hawaii. Both were pointed at stars known as cepheid variables in the constellation of Virgo. These are young, massive stars 1,000 to 100,000 times brighter than the Sun, whose light output varies over periods of a few days.

Cepheids have a useful property: their absolute brightness depends on the rate at which they wax and wane. Thus, by measuring the period of the variation, the intrinsic brightness of each star can be calculated, and then compared with its apparent brightness, as we see it. The difference is a measure of how far away it is.

Until now this method could not be used for more distant galaxies because the light from the cepheids is easily confused with that of other stars after it has passed through the blurring effect of the Earth's atmosphere. The space telescope, which produces a much clearer picture, has got around that problem.

A team led by Wendy Freedman of the Carnegie Observatories in Pasadena, California, has now identified 20 cepheids in the galaxy M100 in Virgo and has arrived at a value for the Hubble constant which suggests that the universe is a mere eight billion years old. That would not be a problem if astronomers did not believe that many stars are twice as old.

To resolve the paradox, says Professor George Efstathiou of Oxford University, cosmologists have three options: the new value of the Hubble constant is wrong; the age of the stars is wrong; or the expansion of the universe may have accelerated the bigger it became. "Of the three, I would still bet on the Hubble constant being wrong," he says.



The M100 galaxy core as seen by Hubble

Hamilton linked to suspect firm

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, ANGELA MACKAY AND NICHOLAS WOOD

NEIL Hamilton, the minister dismissed by John Major in the cash-for-questions affair, was a director of a company indirectly linked to another that has been the subject of a two-and-half-year investigation by the Serious Fraud Office, it emerged last night.

The former Corporate Affairs Minister's friends say that this was the critical fresh allegation put to him by senior ministers when they sought his resignation on Tuesday.

They believe it proved the final nail in his ministerial coffin, even though they say he was given no real opportunity to answer the charge. In telling the Commons of Mr Hamilton's departure, Mr Major said that it was the cumulative impact of old and new allegations that prevented Mr Hamilton holding the role of Corporate Affairs Minister.

His friends are angry that senior ministers should have used such an apparently tenuous link as justification for dismissing him. But Mr Hamilton himself declined to comment last night and is reluctant to become embroiled in a public dispute with the Government.

Mr Hamilton was a non-executive director of Plateau Mining for six months in 1990. This company has slight links with another firm, Butte Mining. Share dealings in Butte are still being examined after a police raid on accountants' offices in Jersey yielded documents indicating that a sophisticated share support scheme had been set up, involving several natural resource companies.

Butte, whose goldfields were mainly located in Montana, was spun off from the minerals consultancy, Robertson Group, at the end of 1987. Plateau was also a product of Robertson Group and it was floated on the stock market in January 1990, the point at which Mr Hamilton became a director, according to the Register of Members' Interests. While Robertson kept a small stake in Butte, it did not in Plateau.

Mr Hamilton was a director of Plateau between January and September of that year. He was never a director of Butte, nor did Butte and Plateau ever share common directors.

The Times understands that, when Mr Hamilton was told about the fresh allegation, he was unable to refute it because he had no recollection of the activities of Butte Mining.

Ministers couched the allegation in such general terms, it is understood, that Mr Hamilton found it impossible to refute it on the spot in the same way as he did another allegation. He was given no time to go away, retrieve papers relating to his directorship and check whether he had had any involvement in Butte. The meeting with ministers ended with his resignation.

It is understood that Mr Hamilton knew nothing about the SFO inquiry into Butte and that the SFO has not been in touch with him about its investigation.

However, sources close to the former minister concede that it might be possible that

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Palace of varieties veers from ridiculous to the ludicrous

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

SLEAZE — who needs it? In a mad world growing madder by the hour, your sketch-writer decided to take a stand against the media-born rabies now infecting the pack and to declare this column a sleaze-free zone.

With the atmosphere at the Commons alive with accusation and normal politics at a virtual halt, I decided to check the alternative. I fled to the House of Lords.

Nobody pays *them* to ask questions. Few care what they ask. Perhaps the mood there would be more convivial? As MPs carped and sniggered not a hundred yards away, their lordships played host to a different cast.

Some were in scarlet and ermine, some in black silk and gold brocade, and one wore an enormous carpet. Peers were welcoming into their midst two fledgling barons: rather bald, as fledglings often are, and blinking in the hot television lights. Milords Sheppard of Didgemere and Hambro of — they didn't say: "Bank?" — were being introduced into their new nest.

The man in the carpet led each in, carrying a gold stick. On each of his shoulders was a line of three of what appeared to be those red Aids-awareness ribbons. It was good to see that political correctness has reached even the most hallowed of our institutions.

There followed a great deal of bowing and scraping, backing and shunting and reading out of royal gibberish, whose details it would be tedious to relate. This sketch has already mentioned that for these bunfights the Lord Chancellor wears what appears to be a badly scorched cornish pasty on his head, but I had searched in vain for a description of the headgear that barons wear. It reminded me of something, but I had been unable to remember what.

Yesterday I realised. Their lordships were wearing giant versions of Rowntrees' fruit gums: the blackcurrant ones — the most delicious in the box.

On and on the hocus-pocus went. Truly, our tradition of instant heritage is a wondrous thing. You have to keep reminding yourself that to watch the introduction of a life peer is to witness a pageant whose origins are all but lost in the mists of time (1958), cherished by a nation not many decades older than the United States and enacted around the same time as St Pancras station.

At last the hoopla seemed to be over. Just when you thought it was safe to look, there was a fresh outbreak. The man in the carpet began leading the two gentlemen in scarlet nighties to a special paddock, where he made them stand side by side while he stood in the pew in front, facing them.

I was close enough to hear the commands he was hissing under his breath. "Hats off," he said. They removed their fruit gums. "Bow". They swept low. "*Sit!*" The resemblance with a dog-training session was striking. They sat. "Rise". They rose. "Hats on".

Why, I wondered, doesn't he get one of those whistles they have in sheepdog trials and try doing it from lobby outside? "Hats off . . ." and so it went on — the whole palaver thrice repeated, in fact. Our two new barons did magnificently. In my personal *One Man and His Dog* rating, Lord Sheppard of Didgemere got 9 out of 10 and Lord Hambro full marks.

The ceremony over, the business of government resumed. A minister, Earl Howe, said Britain's contribution to EU tobacco growing subsidies was about £50 million. But, he added, "it is surely right that we discourage smoking".

Back in the Commons, the sleaze war raged on. There are so many madnesses to choose from at Westminster.

Hamilton braced for new attack over Harrods link

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Hamilton faces a renewed battle with Mohamed Al-Fayed as the former trade minister answers fresh accusations over his dealings with the Harrods owner. Mr Al-Fayed is expected to be called to give evidence to the Commons Members' Interests Select Committee which has been sent detailed allegations about Mr Hamilton's contacts with Harrods.

The new accusations extend further than previous claims that Mr Hamilton failed to disclose details of a week-long stay at the Ritz hotel in Paris, owned by the Al-Fayed brothers. During the visit Mr Hamilton and his wife, Christine, ran up a a bill of more than £2,000 on top of accommodation costs. The select committee had accusations surrounding the holiday referred to it last year but did not hold a formal inquiry because it did not have the authority in the absence of a formal complaint from another MP.

Now a formal complaint, made by Alex Carlile, a Liberal Democrat MP, refers to alleged dealings between Mr Hamilton and Harrods and is said to be more serious and complex than those relating to the Paris stay. Legal advice from Commons lawyers has been sought to ensure that the new allegations are protected by parliamentary privilege and are not actionable.

Senior MPs of both main parties said yesterday that accusations against Mr Hamilton were likely to require more information than the former minister can provide. "It looks as though we will have to hear another version of events from Harrods," one committee member said.

Labour MPs on the committee threatened yesterday to boycott the inquiry unless it breaks with all previous precedent and hears evidence against Mr Hamilton in public. "There is no justification for continuing these meetings in private. If the Prime Minister says that he wants to uproot wrongdoing, there us no reason why the hearings should not be open," one Labour member said. Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, the committee's Tory chairman, is also understood to be anxious that the inquiry is held in public to ensure that the committee retains credibility among MPs.

Labour members were pressing yesterday for an investigation to be opened into the affairs of Tim Smith, who resigned as Northern Ireland minister last week after failing to disclose a payment, and Michael Colvin, MP for Romsey and Waterside, who admits failing to declare an interest in 1991.

Meanwhile, Mr Al-Fayed attempted to keep up the pressure on the Government last night by issuing two new statements attacking the conduct of ministers. The Harrods chairman said that he was "disappointed and surprised" by the way he had been treated by the Prime Minister in the Commons the previous day.

He criticised Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, for not approaching him before he drew up the report about payments for questions. If Sir Robin had done so, he would have known that an intermediary would not have gone to Downing Street with his blessing, Mr Al-Fayed said. "It is ludicrous to think that I would seek to put pressure on the Government to overturn the inspectors' findings, however wrong-headed and unfair I may regard those findings, in return for a promise not to reveal ministerial wrongdoing, much of which has been in the public domain for over a year."

He once again turned the spotlight on the role of Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Charles Wardle, now a trade minister, who were involved in his brother Ali's citizenship application. There were serious questions still to be answered about their conduct, he said.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the precise nature of the new allegations against Neil Hamilton and who made them?
Downing Street will not say. Hamilton's friends say the first was swiftly disproved, the second relating to Plateau Mining is unclear.

Q: What happens to them now?
Downing Street says it is a matter for the Commons. How can that be? They will not reveal the allegations, so how is the House expected to know?

Q: Are the new Hamilton allegations "unfounded", as David Hunt says, as well as "unsubstantiated" as Mr Major says?
Downing Street refers to a thesaurus which says the two words mean the same thing.

Q: Who was the informant who went to Downing Street allegedly on Mr Fayed's behalf to petition Mr Major on the DTI report on the House of Fraser takeover?
Downing Street will not say. The informant, it says, asked for confidentiality and the Prime Minister respects that.

Q: If one set of unsubstantiated allegations are not enough to require Mr Hamilton's removal, why should two sets of such allegations force him out. Mr Major's letter to Mr Hamilton speaks of the "cumulative impact" of the allegations. The second allegations were not in the public domain so how could they have a "cumulative impact"?
Downing Street refers all such questions to the Prime Minister's statement that the "combined impact" of the allegations disabled Mr Hamilton in carrying out his responsibilities.

Q: What other minsiters were interviewed by Sir Robin Butler, apart from Michael Howard, and what were the allegations about them passed on to Mr Major by the informant?
Downing Street will not say.



Link to fraud investigation

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during his time as a director of Plateau papers referring to Butte might have crossed his desk, but he is believed to have no recollection of any such reference to the company under investigation.

Last night the Serious Fraud Office said it had never investigated Plateau Mining and that its inquiries into Butte were continuing. Plateau itself no longer exists. In May last year, Dixon Motors, a Yorkshire-based motor dealership group, reversed into Plateau, which by that stage was little more than a quoted shell company with cash as its main asset. After its shares were suspended in 1992, the directors sold most of the mining interests and sought a buyer.

Paul Dixon, managing director of Dixon Motors, said last night that he knew of no SFO interest in Plateau and pointed out that his company's due diligence, undertaken before the purchase, showed a clean bill of health.

Butte is seeking damages of $975 million (£609 million) from its former adviser, executives and shareholders. One defendant is Roy Bishan, former chairman of Butte and deputy chairman of the Welsh Development Agency. Mr Bichan is former chief executive of Robertson Research.

Mr Major told the Commons: "I must consider whether the combined impact of these allegations disables Mr Hamilton from carrying out his responsibilities as Minister for Corporate Affairs. I believe they do and Mr Hamilton agrees and has resigned from the Government."

It has already emerged that the other new allegation put to Mr Hamilton by Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, at a meeting attended by Michael Heseltine and Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, was that he had failed to register a directorship in Mobil Oil.

According to his friends, Mr Hamilton was able instantly to refute that charge simply by pointing to an entry in the Register of Members' Interests. The other charge was said to relate to Plateau Mining.

In a fresh twist it was also revealed yesterday that Mr Hamilton may have been the victim of a dirty tricks campaign over his relations with Plateau Mining. Newspapers are reported to have received anonymous calls saying that his relationship with the company "deserved scrutiny." Mr Hamilton was a non-executive director for a few months in 1990.

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Hamilton: new claims said to be more serious

Nolan's team must breach convention

The Nolan inquiry on standards of conduct of holders of public office could be turned by the Government into a political asset. At present, it is largely an exercise in damage limitation, an example of decision-making on the run, as Tony Blair said on Tuesday. But solutions developed in a hurry as a way out of acute political dilemmas can have more permanent benefits. The Nairn committee could produce constitutional checks and balances otherwise absent under one-party rule.

Leave aside for the moment the immediate flurry of gossip, claims and loose ends, the Government's underlying problem is that the dividing line between public office and party and commercial interests has appeared to be blurred. The main charges are that some MPs are taking advantage of their position to make money, and that the Government is deciding appointments to the vast array of public bodies on a partisan basis. In the current fevered atmosphere, rumours feed the impression that the political world, and in particular the Tories, are sleazy and corrupt. While these charges are greatly exaggerated the cumulative effect has obviously damaged the Government. It reinforces the belief that the Tories have been in office for too long.

The Government needs to offer reassurance, not just about particular charges but also about general levels of conduct. Although the Nolan inquiry will not investigate specific allegations, it is supposed to make recommendations about general procedures. New guidelines could help the Government, as well as Parliament. Ministers would be able to answer charges about the abuse of power in a one-party state by pointing to new safeguards. They would provide an assurance that standards in public life would be maintained if the Tories are given a fifth term. Such guidelines have only been made necessary by abuses which developed in the late Thatcher years.

For Parliament, the answer is tighter disclosure requirements — for example, on amounts earned from outside business interests — in exchange for a big increase in pay (from the present £31,000 up to, say, £50,000).

More generally, as Robert Sheldon of the Public Accounts Committee suggested yesterday, appointments to public bodies could be vetted by some independent organisation. This might be like the political honours scrutiny committee. The danger is of an American style public investigation crawling all over every aspect, however irrelevant, of a nominee's background. But outside vetting could act as a check on the nomination of the most obviously partisan, while certain levels of appointee, Government of the Bank of England and the like, could be made subject to questioning by a select committee.

Whether the Nolan committee makes such proposals, or even more radical ones on conflict of interest, depends on its membership. If the inquiry is to carry authority, the membership must range beyond the conventional: a retired Cabinet minister or two, a bishop, someone from the voluntary sector, a female head of an Oxbridge college, someone from the Asian or Afro-Caribbean communities, someone from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland — or, even better, a black female Scot who runs a voluntary body. The Nolan inquiry should include people who not only know about Westminster and public bodies but who are also aware that there is a serious problem of public confidence.

Lord Nolan and the Prime Minister should study the section on "the Great and Good", and Royal Commissions, in Peter Hennessy's *Whitehall*. He points to the strengths and weaknesses of establishment inquiries, its merits of a cross-party, if not above-party, approach, but faults of caution, lack of imagination and not splitting the difference. But if the Nolan inquiry is to reassure the public, now is the time for some adventurous appointments, and thinking.

PETER RIDDELL

Tory whips strive to prevent damaging valedictory broadside

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Hamilton was yesterday coming under intense pressure from Government whips to forgo his right to make a personal statement in the Commons about the circumstances surrounding his dismissal from his post as corporate affairs minister.

The alarm bells started ringing yesterday morning in the office of Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, after BSkyB reported that Mr Hamilton was planning to follow the lead of Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, and use the Commons as a platform to criticise John Major. The whips immediately telephoned Mr Hamilton. Later they let it be known that they had received a "categorical assurance" that he would not make a statement, not least because it might prejudice his libel action against *The Guardian*.

Last night, Mr Hamilton's friends denied that the minister, sacked over the "cash for questions affair" despite strongly protesting his innocence, had given such an undertaking. They said that he had done no more than tell the whips he would not be making a statement today. However, he had not ruled out the possibility of giving his side of the story from the back benches once the storm had died down.

"A statement in the House is not an immediate priority. But I don't think he has ruled it out," one of his close associates said.

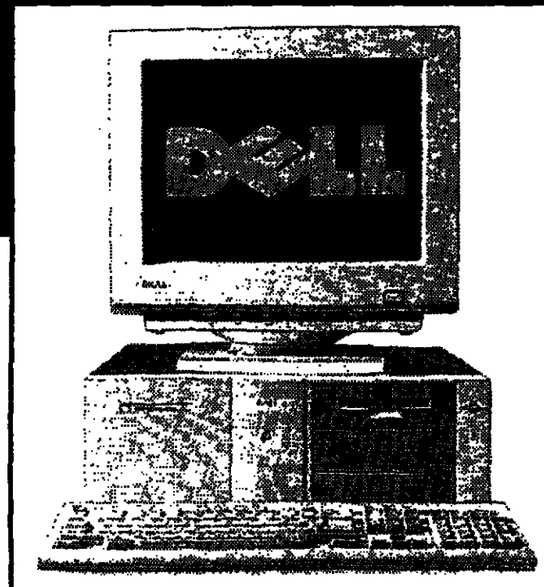
Mr Hamilton's closest friends insisted that if he did speak out in the Commons, his tone would be "statesmanlike" and devoid of the bitterness that have marked other farewell shots. "He is not going to do a Lamont," one said. "Our objective is to help Neil clear his name and get him back into government as soon as we can. He's not going to go out of his way to cause trouble. He's a serious political figure. He is not going to commit hara-kiri."

The conflicting accounts came as Mr Hamilton spent his first day as an ex-minister clearing his desk at the trade and industry department, bidding an emotional farewell to his senior officials, lunching with close relatives and his wife, Christine, and beginning work on his case on the forthcoming libel action.

Mr Hamilton gained an unlikely champion yesterday when senior left-wing Tory backbencher Sir James Spicer gave him his full support.

Mr Spicer, who couldn't be more different from the flamboyant right-wing former minister, said that he was setting up a "fighting fund" to help his colleague clear his name in court.

"I feel saddened that a really top flight minister has been forced from office in this way. I think the Prime Minister had no alternative at the end of it all, but frankly it saddens me as it saddens many of my colleagues," he said. But we certainly will rally round him and I hope that when this goes to court and when he wins his case the damages will be on a scale unprecedented in this country at any time over the past few years."



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Growth hormone led to patient's death from CJD

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE parents of a man who died from an incurable brain disease called for a public inquiry yesterday into the links between Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and the human growth hormone that was given to their son more than 15 years ago.

Their demand followed a misadventure verdict by a coroner's jury on Stuart Smith, 30, from Pattishall, Northamptonshire.

During the inquest it emerged that there have now been 13 confirmed cases in Britain of CJD, commonly known as the human form of "mad cow" disease, linked to the use of human growth hormone collected from the pituitary glands of cadavers.

Isobel Smith, 52, who nursed her son until his death last year, demanded a thorough inquiry to establish when the Department of Health knew of the risks involved in administering the hormone to children with restricted growth.

The practice of collecting hormones from cadavers ended in 1985, but there are estimated to be 2,000 people now at risk from developing CJD in later life through treatment they received as children. There have been about 50 deaths from growth hormone related CJD worldwide, with most cases in France, America and Britain.

Mrs Smith and her husband Tony, 57, are considering whether to join a group of seven families seeking compensation from the Department of Health and the Medical Research Council.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, an incurable brain disease that causes progressive dementia and death, affects about one in every two million people throughout the world. It belongs to the same family of ailments as the so-called "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and causes microscopic holes to form in the brain tissue.

David Body, the solicitor representing the families, is also acting for 104 people who were given growth hormone as children and now fear they may develop CJD. Writs have already been lodged at the High Court. The Department of Health and the Medical Research Council have until the end of this year to submit their defence.

The case, due to begin in 1996, could yield multimillion-pound compensation payments. In France, the government has agreed to pay £220,000 to each victim's family. "I would like to think that the figure reached by the French government would provide a useful benchmark," Mr Body said. "There are so many unanswered questions in relation to these cases and all we have had so far is a deafening silence from the Department of Health."

Mr Body was one of the last visitors to see Stuart Smith before he died in October last year. He said: "Stuart wanted me to get justice for other people afflicted like him."

Anne Pember, the Northamptonshire coroner sitting at Northampton General Hospital, said the cause of Mr Smith's death was bronchial pneumonia linked with CJD, in association with the use of human growth hormones.

Mr Smith's treatment began in 1977 after a series of tests at Northampton and Great Ormond Street, London. The inquest was told that at the age of 12, Mr Smith was 4ft 2in tall, smaller than 97 per cent of children at that age and had the "bone age" of a six-year-old. After injections of human growth hormone three times a week until 1981, his height increased to 5ft 6in.

The inquest was only the second into a death from CJD linked to the use of growth hormones. At the first last November, Professor Preece said there were 12 confirmed cases in Britain.

The numbers of deaths in America have now risen from 11 to 12 and the 25 cases confirmed last year in France — where the use of growth hormone from cadavers continued for several years after it had been banned in in America and Britain — have now risen to 32.

MICHAEL POWELL



David Campbell, Golden Lion landlord. "Drinkers like the historic atmosphere"

Pub landlord who was never lost for words

BY ALAN HAMILTON

SIR Francis Bacon may have been a literary and philosophical giant of the Elizabethan age, but his life had a more worldly side. He owned a pub.

Documents to be sold at Phillips, the Bond Street auctioneers, next month confirm that Sir Francis inherited from his mother "the appurtenance called the Redlyon in Rumforde in the saide Countie of Essex". The 15th century timber-framed inn, long renamed the Golden Lion, is still one of the most popular watering holes in Romford High Street.

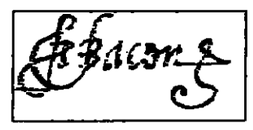
Proof of Sir Francis's ownership was discovered when experts from Phillips sifted through a box of documents sent for auction. Among them they found deeds bearing Sir Francis's signature relating to his inheritance of what was then a coaching inn, as well as the 20-room manor house of Marks, between Redbridge and Romford.

The deeds, which are expected to fetch £10,000, include one dated 1558, three years before Bacon's birth, recording the sale of the manor to his father, Sir Nicholas Bacon. Another settles the estate and the pub on Sir Francis himself. Bacon sold the manor to one George Hervie in 1596 but it was demolished in 1808.

At the pub, customers are well aware of the Bacon connection, thanks to a plaque on the lounge wall. "We always believed that the pub was left to Sir Francis by his mother in 1600; our customers enjoy the historic atmosphere," David Campbell, the manager, said. Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, the pub's owners, are about to undertake a major refurbishment of the building.



Francis Bacon and his signature



Felix Pryor, Phillips's manuscripts expert, said yesterday: "To stumble across a document bearing Bacon's very beautiful signature was rather exciting."

Homely welcome awaits Princess in New York

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A DELICIOUS thrill of social excitement is coursing through the veins of New Yorkers, amid speculation that the Princess of Wales is planning to buy an apartment in Trump Tower, long the chosen refuge of celebrities, sports personalities and royals.

Buckingham Palace dismissed the rumour yesterday as utter rubbish, saying that the Princess had no plans whatsoever either to buy a property in the United States or to live there. Her spokesman said: "It's a nice theory and it happens every time she goes there, but it is wishful thinking to imagine that she is going to buy an apartment or take up residence, however much she may wow them over there."

Palace officials almost snorted with disbelief at a further suggestion that the royal family planned to buy an entire floor of the tower. They have spent years trying to disabuse the world of the notion that the Queen owns any property in North America, and yesterday's clear message was that she does not intend to start now.

The front page of the *New York Post* yesterday proclaimed the imminent royal arrival with the headline "Princess of New York", quoting unnamed sources to the effect that the estranged wife of the Prince of Wales planned to take up residence in a 12-room, $3.5 million flat on the 62nd floor of the Trump Tower. While the report may be based more on wishful thinking than fact, there is no doubt that New York has gone into social overdrive at the mere prospect.



Trump Tower: the site of royal rumours

"It's a great place to live," the *Post* assured the Princess. "A city where there's never a dull moment, and which offers the best things that money can buy . . . you'll love the selections at Harry Winston, Cartier and Tiffany's."

The gossip columnist Liz Smith was equally enthusiastic: "If Diana — already so loved and admired here — came to the States with her children, I think another war might occur before we handed her back to her own people. Sort of a Helen of Troy situation."

While Trump Tower certainly offers scenic views across Manhattan and unparalleled shopping opportunities, it is hardly a quiet hideaway for one hoping to avoid the glare of publicity. To judge by most accounts, it is full to bursting with the rich, the famous and the notorious: it was here that the newlyweds Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley chose to "get away from it all" on honeymoon. Andrew Lloyd Webber, Steven Spielberg and the Sultan of Brunei rub shoulders in the lift; here too, it is said, live Sophia Loren, Elton John and Stefan Edberg.

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Convicted murderer appeals for freedom

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Scotland's most notorious murder cases will be reopened when the Lord Justice-General of Scotland hears the appeal next week of George Beattie, who has served 21 years in prison for a crime that he claims he did not commit.

The hearing by Lord Hope is the culmination of a decade of lobbying by MPs, civil liberties groups and others who believe Beattie is the victim of a serious miscarriage of justice.

George Beattie was 19 when he was convicted of the murder of Margaret McLaughlin, 23, in his home town of Carluke, Strathclyde. He knew the family, but is adamant that he is not the man who stabbed her 19 times and left her body in undergrowth.

Dr James Thorpe, the forensic scientist in the original case, has said that on the strength of the forensic evidence it should never have gone to court. He said the scientific findings "had very little weight".

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Audit Office uncovers huge overpayments

DSS accused of paying £670m benefits in error

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than £672 million in income support was paid to claimants in error by the Social Security Department last year, according to a report published yesterday.

Errors in the assessment of income support due to claimants led to overpayments of £540 million and underpayments of £76 million, the report by the National Audit Office said. The errors are the second highest on record, forcing Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor-General, to refuse to give the department's accounts a clean bill of health for the sixth year in succession.

The Benefits Agency, the arm of the Social Security Department responsible for making benefit payments, will attempt to recover any overpayments made because of the failure of claimants to report any change in their financial circumstances. But overpayments arising out of official error will not be recovered and will be written off, resulting in the loss of millions of pounds to the taxpayer. Claimants who were underpayed would be reimbursed, the report said.

A random survey of 21 of the Benefits Agency's regional offices found that 16.8 per cent of all transactions contained some financial error. In two of the best-performing offices the error rate was less than 9 per cent, but in the six worst-performing offices it was 25 per cent.

There were a number of reasons for the errors, the report said. "But the majority arose because of official error. In some cases errors were made in determining the correct amount of benefit to pay. In other cases, awards of income support were made despite there being insufficient evidence that the claimants were properly entitled."

A high proportion of errors were also made assessing claiments' housing costs. During 1993-94, there were more than 550,000 claimants receiving mortgage interest as part of their income support. But because of frequent changes in interest rates, these payments had to be recalculated frequently. Sir John said: "I estimate that errors in the assessment of claimants' housing costs resulted in overpayments of £81.4 million and underpayments of £17.4 million."

As a result of the audit, the Benefits Agency has launched a programme designed to improve accuracy, incuding a case-by-case review of all mortgage interest payments to eliminate error, the creation of specialist teams to deal with all new mortgage cases, and a comprehensive examination of the training arrangements for income support staff.

Flaw in arts grant system allowed elaborate fraud

AN ELABORATE fraud against the National Heritage Department was exposed when an organisation was congratulated for winning a grant it had not received (Michael Dynes writes).

The fraud came to light in March 1993 and was disclosed yesterday in a National Audit Office report.

An investigation began when a member of the Association of Business Sponsorship of the Arts congratulated its director, who said he knew nothing about the grant award. It was then discovered that Nick Wood, head of the Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme, had authorised payments of £175,000 to fictitious organisations and to fictitious branches of real organisations, based on "elaborate fradulent documentation".

Wood was prosecuted, found guilty of fraud and imprisoned. Some £124,000 of the missing funds were recovered, but the remaining £51,000 had to be written off by the Heritage Department, an Audit Office report said.

The case revealed serious weaknesses in the association's financial control systems, which was responsible for awarding about £4.5 million in arts sponsorship from the Heritage Department in 1993-94.

The investigation found that the fraud had occurred because Wood could propose the granting of awards to the association's approval committee and administer the procedures by which the recipients' credentials were checked. "This was a fundamental weakness in internal control," the report said.



Jimmy Johnstone, left, and Tommy Gemmell with the European Cup in 1967

£36,000 for Celtic's pride

THE newest board member of Celtic Football Club spent £36,000 yesterday buying the football mementos of two of the club's best-known former players (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Willie Haughey, a Glasgow businessman who joined the Celtic board last month, bought the medals of Tommy Gemmell and Jimmy Johnstone at the football memorabilia auction at Christie's in Glasgow. He intends to loan them to the club and they will be exhibited at the Parkhead stadium.

Gemmell, who raised more than £31,000 from the sale, said he was delighted that his collection, which included the 18-carat gold medal for being a member of the side that beat Inter Milan in the 1967 European Cup final, would not be split or lost to the club. Gemmell's ten-year career from 1961 spanned Celtic's most successful era. He won seven League championships, three Scottish Cups and four League Cups before going to Nottingham Forest in December 1971. He retired from playing in 1976.

Gemmell is now 50 and works for an insurance company. He said he would invest the money in his pension plan.

Raiders clear out Oldfield wardrobe

A gang raided the designer Bruce Oldfield's Knightsbridge store, central London, early yesterday and took 35 suits, dresses and other items worth up to £75,000. Police believe the clothes, some modelled for private clients three weeks ago by Jerry Hall and Marie Helvin, are on the way to Southeast Asia to be copied for worldwide sales.

Camp sealed off

An Army bomb disposal team was called to a camp run by New Age Travellers at Cove, Hampshire, after police found a suspect device. The camp was sealed off. Eight men and four women are being questioned. Drugs and suspected stolen property were seized.

Fatal lapse

An entrepreneur died after he lost control of his Range Rover during a "momentary lapse of concentration". The North Hertfordshire coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death on Robert Payton, 50, who introduced deep-pan pizza to Britain.

Dog ban for life

A man who threw a 10-week-old puppy from the second floor of a block of flats was banned for life from owning another dog. Stephon Allen, 25, of Hackney, east London, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to the dog, a cross-breed called Brandy.

Tunnel tests

Sir John Egan, chairman of BAA, said yesterday that he had thought the New Austrian Tunnelling Method used at Heathrow before last Friday's landslide was "100 per cent secure" and that a half-mile test tunnel had been dug to make doubly sure.

Diver loses

A scuba diver severely injured after being hauled to the surface by accident lost a High Court claim for damages. Adrian Aplin, 40, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, broke rules of diving by not flying a flag on his dinghy, Mr Justice French said.

Hallowe'en ban

A Church of England school has banned a pupil's Hallowe'en carnival float because it refuses to recognise the pagan festival. George Clarke, a pupil at St John and St Francis School in Bridgwater, Somerset, was told the float was inappropriate.

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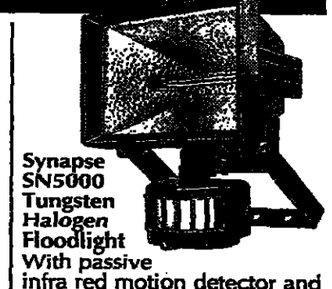
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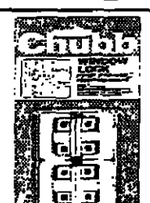
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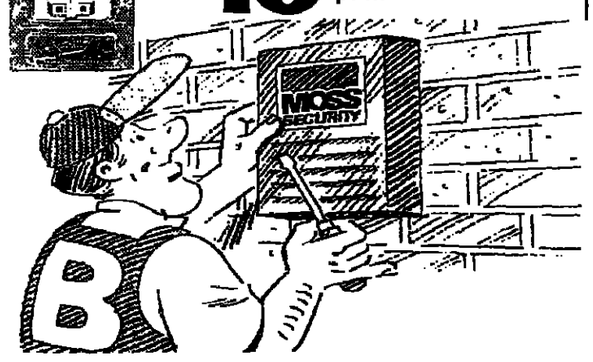
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Family divided by reports of son's abduction

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A MEMBER of a prominent republican family in Armagh City, who was interrogated by the IRA for acting as a police informer, was in hiding yesterday as his relatives argued about his disappearance.

Paul Carroll, 23, whose father is a former Sinn Fein councillor, apparently returned to the city late on Tuesday night more than 24 hours after he was taken from his home by two masked men. Teresa Carroll, his grandmother, said yesterday that she had been reunited with Mr Carroll "somewhere in Armagh City". She was upset that the RUC had allegedly used him as an informer.

In an interview with a Belfast newspaper, Mr Carroll denied that he had been abducted and claimed that the IRA treated him well during questioning. Speaking from a secret location in the Irish Republic, where he was guarded by two masked men, Mr Carroll told the nationalist Irish News that he had given himself up to republicans.

He said: "The men who came to my mother's house were not armed. I was asked to tell them exactly what I told the police. I feel great that I have got it off my chest because the Special Branch were just using me."

Tommy Carroll said that his son's case was the latest act against his family by the security forces. "It just shows there are no lengths the Special Branch won't go to divide families up."

However, Mr Carroll's sister gave a contradictory account of his disappearance. Patricia Carroll said she believed her brother had been kidnapped by masked men.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Prodigy Pounces

Ten-year-old Luke McShane, Britain's top chess prodigy, made history at the Richmond International chess tournament. In the summer Luke consolidated his growing reputation by drawing a game with a grandmaster, namely the German player Romuald Mainka. Luke thus became the youngest ever British player to draw a game with a grandmaster.

Now, at Richmond, he has gone one better by defeating the international master Klaus Berg from Denmark. Luke has comfortably smashed the previous record by a British player for defeating an international master in a formal chess competition. The former record was held by Nigel Short, then 12 years old, when he defeated international master Dr. Jonathan Penrose in the 1977 British Championship at Brighton. On occasion, British chess prodigies even younger than Luke have scored against players of international rank, but only in informal, off-hand or exhibition games. Luke's performance is therefore unique in the annals of British chess.

Although the title of grandmaster ranks higher than international master in the chess hierarchy, it is considered far more difficult actually to force a clear victory than to achieve a draw. Luke's new achievement therefore clearly puts in the shade his draw with Mainka earlier this year.

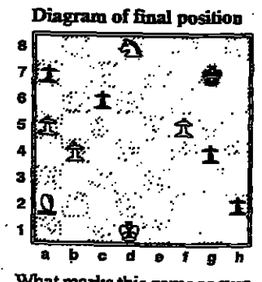
White: Klaus Berg
Black: Luke McShane
Richmond, 1994

Torre Attack

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	Bg5	Bg7
4	Nbd2	0-0
5	c3	d6
6	e4	Nbd7
7	Bd3	e5
8	0-0	c6
9	Re1	Qc7
10	a4	Re8
11	Qc2	h6
12	Bh4	g5
13	Bg3	Nh5
14	dxe5	dxe5
15	a5	Nxg3
16	hxg3	Nf6
17	Nc4	Ng4
18	Nfd2	h5
19	Nf1	Re6
20	Re2	Rh6
21	Rd2	h4
22	b4	Be6
23	f3	Nf8
24	g4	Bf8
25	Nfe3	Kg7
26	Qb2	Rd8
27	Rad1	Be7
28	Bb1	Rhh8
29	Ba2	Nh7
30	Nf5+	Bxf5
31	gxf5	Rxd2
32	Rxd2	g4
33	f4	exd4
34	e5	f6
35	Qb3	Ng5
36	Qd1	Rd8
37	exf6+	Bxf6
38	Nd6	Qe7
39	Kf1	Kf8
40	Qb3	Kg7
41	Nxb7	Ne4
42	Rd1	f3
43	Nxd8	Ng3+
44	Kg1	Qe3+
45	Kh2	Nf1+
46	Kh1	hxg2+
47	Kxg2	h3+
48	Kxf1	Qf3+
49	Ke1	Bxc3+
50	Qxc3+	Qxc3+
51	Ke2	Qf3+
52	Kd2	Qxd1+
53	Kxd1	h2

White resigns

Diagram of final position



What marks this game as even more significant is that his win was achieved in a brilliant game packed with original sacrifices.

British Rankings

The top ten British rankings in the newly released Professional Chess Association list are as follows: Nigel Short 2637, Michael Adams 2634, Julian Hodgson 2619, John Nunn 2616, Jon Speelman 2614, Tony Miles 2576, William Watson 2573, David Norwood 2547, Matthew Sadler 2541 and Murray Chandler 2538.

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Nurses and rubella charity criticise school's refusal to protect pupils

Health chief attacks ban on vaccine by Ampleforth head

By Richard Duce

AN ETHICAL debate over the decision by the headmaster of Ampleforth College not to allow his pupils a combined measles and rubella vaccination spread last night as the Government's chief medical officer expressed his "deep concern" at the ban.

The ruling by Father Leo Chamberlain also led to an instruction from the Royal College of Nursing that its Catholic members must carry out the nationwide vaccination programme.

Bernard Donoghue, of the rubella charity Sense, and a former Ampleforth pupil, said Father Chamberlain's stance was illogical and a cause for "grave concern". The vaccination programme against mumps, measles and rubella for seven million children follows a warning from the World Health Organisation of a possible measles epidemic next year.

However Father Chamberlain remained adamant that his ban be enforced at the Roman Catholic school because the vaccine was derived in the 1960s from the tissue of an aborted foetus. He said: "If you murder someone 20 years ago it is still murder."

Father Chamberlain, head of the boys' school in North Yorkshire, is instead offering a measles-only vaccine to pupils. He accepted, however, that for parents who have daughters the combined vaccine is acceptable because of the established danger of rubella in pregnancy.

His decision prompted a letter to the school from Dr Kenneth Calman, the Department of Health's Chief Medical Officer, who said rubella vaccination was still important for boys. He wrote that 23 pregnant women in Britain had been infected by boys last year and "around half" then had abortions.

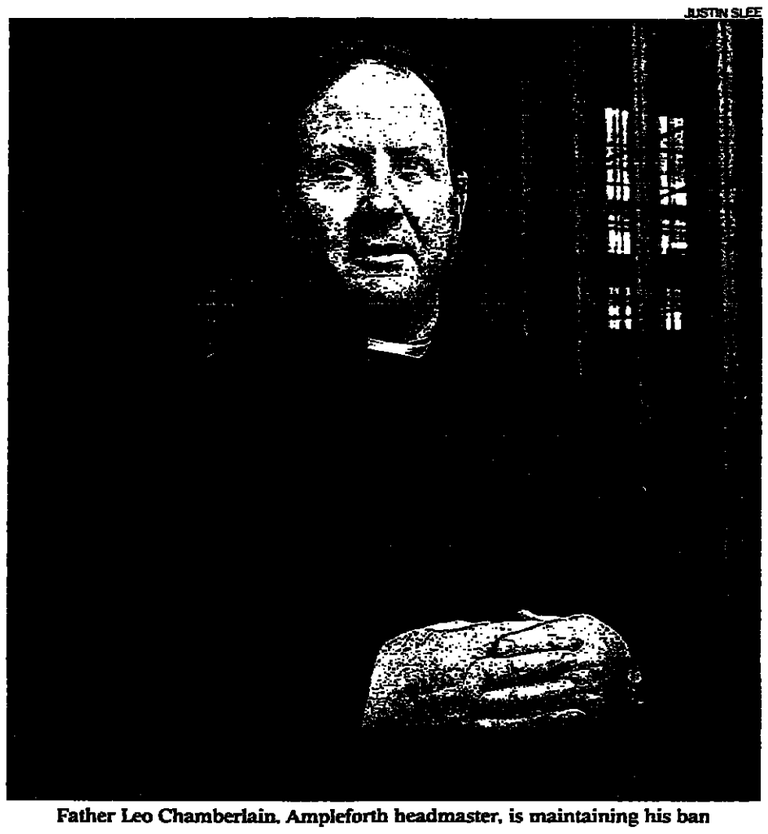
But Father Chamberlain said: "Unless you are going to vaccinate the entire male population and older women against rubella, there is no particular point in vaccinating under-16 boys."

He was contradicted by Dr Calman, who wrote: "By immunising all older boys with rubella we can aim to bring forward by about five years the elimination of rubella in pregnancy."

An RCN spokesman said: "We are telling nurses they have to give these jabs. Any nurse who refuses to do so would be guilty of professional negligence."

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JUSTIN SLEE



Father Leo Chamberlain, Ampleforth headmaster, is maintaining his ban

Widow left £3m fights firm over 10% tracing fee

By Kathryn Knight

A WIDOW aged 91 is facing a court dispute with a genealogical firm that she alleges misled her into signing away 10 per cent of an unexpected £3 million inheritance.

Title Research, a London-based genealogical firm, has told lawyers acting for the elderly heiress, who has asked not to be named, that it is entitled to a tracing fee of £350,000 or 10 per cent (plus VAT) of her inheritance. The firm tracked the woman down after an elderly male cousin died in sheltered accommodation, leaving £3 million. The bank dealing with the estate hired Title Research to trace any relatives or illegitimate children.

The firm managed to trace the widow, a cousin of the dead man, and telephoned her. The widow claims that the firm did not disclose who had died nor how much money was involved, but sent a document to her home, which, once signed, secured 10 per cent of the inheritance as commission.

However, the woman's solicitor Robert Boyd, of the Bristol firm Veale Wasbrough, claims that the firm was "unscrupulous" in its dealings and misled his client into believing that her inheritance was a token amount.

In May, the estate trustees managed to trace the widow themselves, but were astonished on contacting her to find she had already signed away some of her money.

Tom Curran, owner of Title Research, defended the firm's actions, saying its operations were entirely ethical. "Initially we were hired to carry out a specific task. Later, we worked independently, acting on an estate advertisement placed by the Treasury Solicitor. We saw the advert calling for heirs to come forward and, like other firms of genealogists do, we went to work."

The firm was entitled to its fee, he said. "If we didn't research unclaimed estates then they would simply end up with the Crown, as most people are not aware of what they are due, and they are happy to pay our fee."

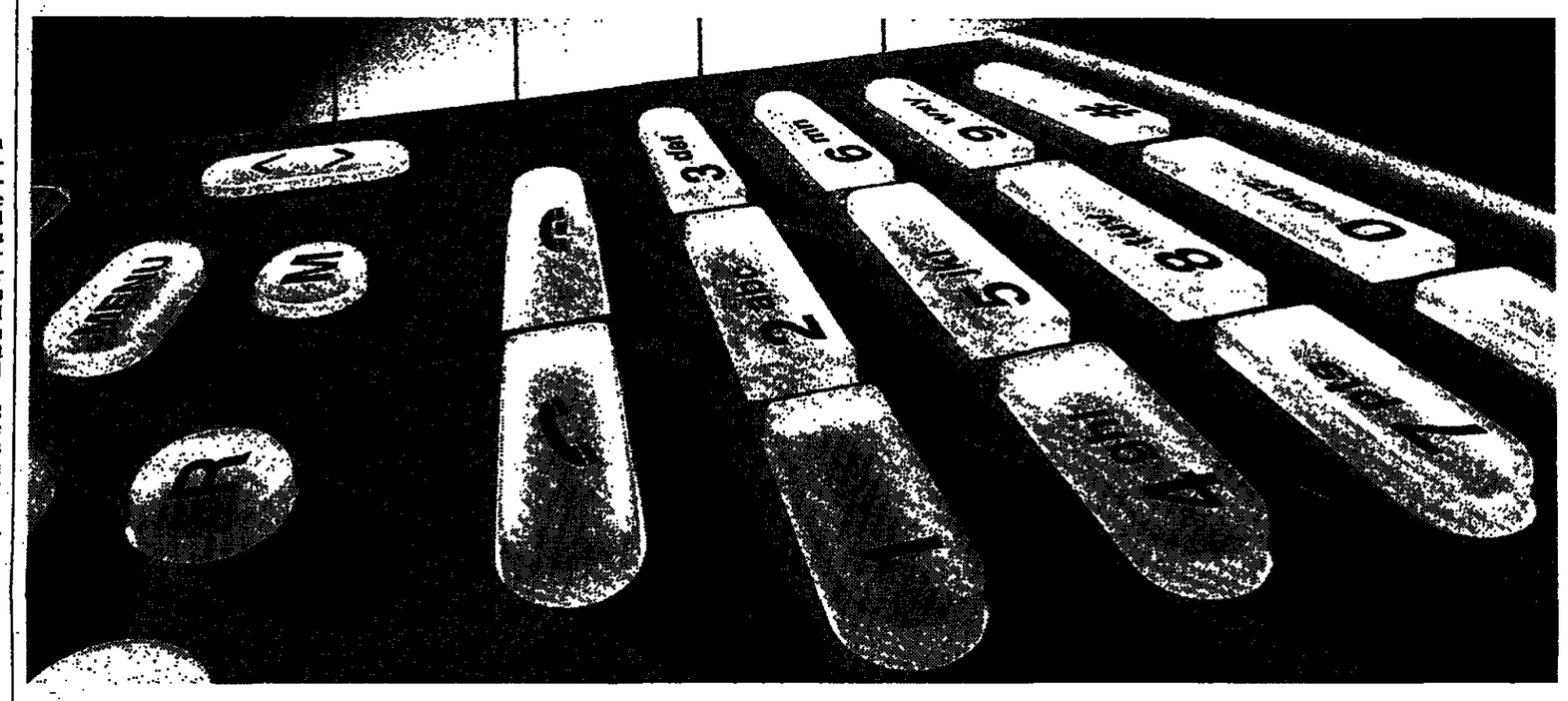
TB from India 'too strong for drugs'

SOME dangerous diseases are becoming resistant to drugs and once-curable illnesses are re-emerging as potential killers, MPs were told yesterday.

The alarming trend was disclosed after an inquiry by the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology into increases in cases of tuberculosis, typhoid fever and bacterial meningitis.

It is thought that the rise in TB cases in Britain is linked to India as both a source of the disease and of cases of multiple drug resistance. The report says that this is a growing problem affecting many thousands of British patients each year. Drug-resistant bacteria is a worldwide problem, although the office's report to MPs said Britain appeared to be less affected than some other developed countries. Regular use of antibacterial drugs has caused so-called "hospital strains" of everyday bacteria to emerge which are resistant to many of the drugs used against them.

In some cases, including TB, the levels of resistance appear static but in others they are growing fast, as with the germs responsible for pneumonia and meningitis.



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer West — East-West game

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♠10 ♥A107 ♦KQ1093 ♣K1093		♠J976 ♥J9532 ♦8 ♣QJ4	
	♠KQ432 ♥KQ86 ♦2 ♣A65		

W	N	E	S
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♣	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
All pass			

Opening lead: ♦K

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

North's Two Diamond bid was in the modern style, an "unassuming cue-bid", showing a good raise to Two Spades.

Declarer wins the first trick with the ace of diamonds, and plays a heart to the king and ace. West switches to the ten of spades, won by dummy's ace. The four of diamonds is now played from dummy. How should East defend?

Answer: It is usually bad practice to ruff one of the declarer's losers with a trump trick; but as always, it is better to think things out than to play by rule of thumb.

East can tell that South has five spades headed by the king and queen; and presumably four hearts since West failed to support hearts. The danger is that South may have the queen of hearts and ace of clubs; in that case he is threatening to make ten tricks by way of ace of spades, queen of hearts, two minor-suit aces, two ruffs in dummy and four trump tricks in hand.

East thwarts this plan by ruffing the four of diamonds; South over-ruffs, ruffs a heart, and plays another diamond. East ruffs again, and if South discards East gets his trick back by leading his remaining trump.

Note that it is not good enough for East to discard on the second round of diamonds but ruff the third round. By then South will have scored a vital small trump, and will promote his last trump after over-ruffing and ruffing a second heart in dummy.

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Judge passes sentence three months after verdict as Broadmoor doctors say killer is not mentally ill



Teresa Ayling: "We are delighted with the sentence — providing he is never, never allowed out"

Obsessive American given life term for killing student

By Catherine Milton

AN AMERICAN who killed a young English student with whom he was obsessed was jailed for life yesterday after doctors at Broadmoor said that he could not be considered mentally ill.

Curtis Howard, 27, had admitted in July the manslaughter of Catherine Ayling, 24. Mr Justice Hidden had postponed sentence three times while awaiting psychiatric assessments.

When he passed sentence yesterday the courtroom hush was broken by a stifled "Yes" from benches filled by 14 members of the dead woman's family. Sylvia Hartigan, Miss Ayling's sister, who was also threatened by Howard, shouted "Burn in Hell" as he was led to the cells.

The judge described Howard, a promising computer student, as a "cunning, devious, violent and dangerous man" from whom the public must be protected. He specified that Howard serve at least seven years before he could be considered for parole. A Prison Service spokeswoman said that the average length of time spent in prison by a person sentenced to life for manslaughter was 15½ years.

Howard had stalked his victim for two years after meeting her when she went on an exchange visit to American in 1989. He stabbed her to death in 1991 at Crewe and Alsager College in Cheshire, where she was studying humanities, and left her body in the boot of his hire car at Gatwick airport before flying back to the United States.

Mr Justice Hidden told him: "You stabbed that girl a total of 10 times and you also cut her throat. You had come to this country specifically to seek her out. You decided to deal with what you believed — utterly wrongly — to be a conspiracy between her and her sister and her sister's husband to do you damage by sending you offensive matter through the mail. Only a custodial sentence would be adequate to protect the public from serious harm from you: one of imprisonment for life."

The nature of the original relationship between Curtis and Miss Ayling was not clear, although the judge said it was probably not physical. However, it was clear that Howard became obsessed.

Miss Ayling cut short her studies in America in December 1989, on the death of her father. By June 1990 Howard had followed her with. Mr Justice Hidden said, "evil intentions". Howard broke into



Catherine Ayling: killed in car park



Howard: stalked college acquaintance

Mrs Hartigan's home in Sussex, slashing a pillow and mattress and leaving menacing messages. He also desecrated her father's grave.

He was barred from Britain and sent back to the United States, vowing that Miss Ayling would "join her father in Hell". He returned on a false passport in May 1991 with his "mind fixed on feelings of revenge against Catherine, her sister and her sister's husband", Mr Justice Hidden said. He had gleaned details of her movements from a private detective and pounced on her in the college car park.

At his trial at Lewes Crown Court the prosecution accepted his denial of murder on the ground of diminished responsibility after reports on his mental health. Mr Justice Hidden said yesterday: "It is clear from the reports that you show no signs of mental illness at present. Equally it is clear . . . that you have shown such signs in the past which have been diagnosed under various labels: psychotic illness, severe mental illness and paranoid psychosis." He added that the threat of recurrence could not be dismissed.

Outside the court Miss Ayling's sister Teresa said: "We are delighted with the sentence — providing he stays in prison and is never, never allowed out. The judge did a superb job. He did not allow anything to pass him by."

Mrs Hartigan said: "He has caused heartbreak to all the family. Catherine is dead; she never had a second chance. He should never be given a second chance. In America they have the death penalty and that should apply to him."

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Broken teapot expected to fetch £20,000

By John Shaw



The 7in-high teapot found in a garage

A TEAPOT with a broken lid found in a suburban garage has been identified as one of the earliest pieces of English creamware worth up to £20,000.

It was discovered by Graham Lay of Bonhams, the auctioneers, while he was going through belongings from a woman's estate in the Home Counties. The base was marked "F Morgan, Tunstall, Oct 20 1743", the same year as the oldest piece of creamware known, a punchbowl marked "EB 1743" that is now in the British Museum.

Mr Lay said: "I have seen a lot of creamware before and I knew straightaway it was an early piece. When I saw the date I thought this was either a major discovery or a brilliant fake."

Research proved it was genuine. Lars Tharp, head of ceramics at Bonhams and an expert on *The Antiques Roadshow* said the cracked lid showed exposed clay which had a white flinty quality. The glaze "had a small mesh craquelure that you would get with a piece like this".

The 7in-high pot with a serpent style handle is decorated with birds and oriental foliage. The pattern is outlined in brown heightened in underglaze blue and green. Comparison with other early pieces showed the style to be similar to that of Delftware potters.

The name "F Morgan" is unknown in ceramics and Mr Tharp said he could have been the designer or the person for whom the piece was intended. Creamware was first thought to have been produced by Enoch Booth of Tunstall. Josiah Wedgwood produced an improved version in 1765, which he called Queensware.

Bonhams is selling the piece next Wednesday in an auction that will feature a video link-up between the saleroom in Knightsbridge and its stand in the At Home exhibition at Olympia.

THE TIMES
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Tickets for the National Lottery go on sale on Monday November 14, and with a top prize of £2m expected when the first draw takes place on Saturday November 19, lottery fever is starting to grip the nation. *The Times*, in association with *The Sunday Times*, is offering readers an additional chance to become overnight millionaires with our great lottery tickets prize draw.

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Mental health care 'wastes money in outdated hospitals'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

CARE for the mentally ill is poorly allocated and badly managed, the Audit Commission reports today. Too much money is still spent in hospitals, rather than in community care, and many psychiatrists are reluctant to follow their patients out of the wards and into the community.

Rural areas get more than their share of resources while the inner cities are neglected. Andrew Foster, controller of the Audit Commission, said yesterday: "The whole policy of community care is in danger of being discredited because there is no proper targeting. This is the problem, not a shortage of funds."

The patterns of the past continue to dominate the treatment of the mentally ill, the report shows. Two thirds of resources are spent in hospitals, where care is extremely expensive, while comprehensive, locally based mental health care has yet to be tried. Of the 130 hospitals that were operating in 1960, 92 are still open, but with lower occupancy rates and higher unit costs.

The public view that deranged patients thrown out of hospitals pose a danger on the streets is not borne out. "Very few of them have spent more than a year in hospital, thus refuting the notion that large numbers of homeless and visibly mentally ill people have simply been 'tipped out' on to the streets," the report says.

A week's inpatient treatment costs £600 per patient. Community care would usually be cheaper, but only if properly managed. Mr Foster said: "We have found overqualified staff being used to carry out the sort of practical care that could easily be done by auxiliary staff for much less money."

Psychiatric hospitals tended to be sited in the country, establishing a pattern of spending that has survived their closure, with areas such as Surrey having high spending but low need, while inner London has far more patients but spends less.

One of the most striking failures identified in the report is the registration of people being cared for. The idea was introduced in 1991, but more than half the health authorities surveyed have yet to establish a register and those set up had only a handful of patients on them.

"Very little or no progress has been made with this simple and fundamental part of community care," Judy Renshaw, one of the authors of the report, said. "Health authorities have failed to do what they should have done."

The commission wants an integrated approach to treatment that prevents patients being overlooked. To achieve this, psychiatrists would have to work as part of community health teams, and concentrate more on those with long-term problems. At present, disproportionate effort is expended on patients with mild psychiatric disorders.

The mental health charity SANE applauded the report's emphasis on the severely ill, but doubted the commission's argument that closing more beds could save £100 million to put towards improving community care.

Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of SANE, said: "Sadly, there are no mechanics to guarantee this reallocation of funds, and SANE is concerned that the money would disappear into the health service without being ring-fenced for mental care, as has happened so often in the past."

The British Medical Association called for national minimum standards of care to be set to ensure the failings identified by the commission were rectified.

ANDREW BOURNE



Arthur Miller is expected to lecture on "a peculiar life in the American theatre". He takes up the post in January

Miller appointed to Oxford chair

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE American playwright Arthur Miller has been appointed Oxford University's next Professor of Contemporary Theatre. Miller, 79, will continue to live in the United States and his visits to Oxford have yet to be arranged.

He is a past winner of the Pulitzer Prize and is best known for *The Crucible* and *Death of a Salesman* — and for marrying Marilyn Monroe. His latest work, *Broken Glass*, is playing at the National Theatre.

The Chair of Contemporary Theatre, which he will take up in January, was founded in 1989 with a grant to St Catherine's College by the theatrical producer Cameron Mackintosh. Visiting professors are appointed for one year and give a minimum of three lectures. Previous holders of the post have been Stephen Sondheim, Sir Ian McKellen, Alan Ayckbourn, Michael Codron and Peter Shaffer. They also become Fellows of St Catherine's.

Miller's theme is likely to be "Thoughts on a peculiar life in the American theatre". He was educated at the University of Michigan and his first published work was *Honors at Dawn* in 1936.

Soldiers' lawyers are given more time

Lawyers for three British soldiers charged with kidnapping, conspiring to rape and murdering a Danish tour guide have been given more time to study fresh evidence by a court in Cyprus. Alan Ford, Jeff Pernell and Justin Fowler, of the Royal Green Jackets, had been due to enter their pleas yesterday.

Honorary consul

Southampton will be the first British city to have a Russian consulate since the Bolshevik revolution in 1917. The honorary consul has been named as Paul Oakley-White who will help the Russian Federation to forge trade links with the South Coast.

Banned prix

The grand prix driver Eddie Irvine was banned from driving for 14 days for speeding at 101mph in his Ferrari on the M6. Magistrates at Penrith, Cumbria, also fined Irvine, 28, of Surrey, £420 after he admitted not having a tax disc or an MoT certificate.

Organ stolen

Thieves broke through three sets of locks at a graveyard in Bath to steal a Victorian organ from the chapel of rest. The £500 organ, made of oak and operated by a foot pump and bellows, had been in the chapel at Locksbrook cemetery since the 1860s.

Small change

The Royal Mint launched a two-month public consultation programme into proposals to change the coinage. Suggestions include the introduction of a £2 coin and a smaller 50p piece, and the withdrawal of 50p, 1p and 2p coins.

Yachts burnt

Three yachts worth a total of about £10 million were destroyed in a fire at Port Pendennis shipyard in Falmouth, Cornwall. Devon and Cornwall Police said that exploding gas cylinders prevented entry to the 300ft building for about an hour.

Chapter's end

Auctioneers will sell the contents of the once renowned Granville Hotel at St Margaret's Bay, Kent, this weekend. Noel Coward and Ian Fleming were regular visitors to the clifftop hotel, built in 1882, which may be demolished to make way for flats.

Penguins die

Keepers at a wildlife park fear that toxins in the soil are responsible for a mystery illness that has wiped out their penguin colony. The six Humboldt penguins are the third collection of the birds to have died at the Cotswold Wildlife Park in Burford, Oxfordshire.

Roy booked

Roy of the Rovers is to be the subject of an official biography. *Roy of the Rovers — The Playing Years*, by Peter Acton and Colin Jarman, traces his career from the first edition of *Tiger* comic in 1954 to his injury last year.

Yes, director

The actor Nigel Hawthorne is to make his West End directing debut in December in the Restoration comedy *The Clandestine Marriage*. It will play in Newcastle upon Tyne, Malvern, Guildford and Bath, then at the Queen's Theatre.



Picasso's *Vase femme*

Collectors rush to buy Picasso ceramics

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

PLATES and pitchers animated with faces and figures by Picasso fetched well above estimate at Sotheby's yesterday. Of 126 items, only two failed to sell.

Bidding was buoyant, with as many as 116 telephone bidders, and new collectors joining regulars. Melanie Clore, head of Sotheby's Impressionist and Modern Art department, said: "The ceramics are bought by people who collect Picasso and by people who don't because they can't afford him."

In comparison with his works in other media, Picasso ceramics are relatively inexpensive. Prices yesterday started at just a few hundred pounds. The star lot was *Vase femme* from 1953, a unique piece, hand-painted with the face of a woman, which fetched £34,500. Ms Clore said it was typical of Picasso working his imagery into recognisable ceramic shapes: the handle and neck of a vase became an elaborate hairstyle.

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Blair to appoint young high-flyers as party whips

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair is likely to promote six high-flyers from the 1992 intake of MPs to the Opposition whips office, with women gaining many of the top jobs.

Six of the brightest new Labour MPs are said to have been appointed as whips in a sign that Mr Blair is determined to bring on young talent as well as transforming the whips' office. The appointment, to be announced today, include Peter Mandelson, a close strategic adviser to Tony Blair, and Geoff Hoon, a former MEP and a specialist on Europe.



Mandelson: one of six new Labour whips

Last night the Labour leader announced a comprehensive reorganisation of middle-ranking and junior front-bench jobs with most people changing jobs and women claiming many of the top prizes. Two women are to join Gordon Brown in the shadow Treasury team: Dawn Primarolo, former number two at health, and Hilary Armstrong, the late John Smith's parliamentary private secretary. Mr Blair was keen to promote Ms Armstrong, who narrowly failed to get on the shadow Cabinet, but the appointment of the left-winger Ms Primarolo, despite a competent spell at health, was more surprising.

The telegenic Ms Primarolo is expected to keep up the offensive on VAT, spearheaded by Harriet Harman last year. But Mr Brown will ensure that her support for high taxes and high spending will be kept firmly in check.

Mr Blair has also given Joan Ruddock the deputy's job at environment, where she will take over responsibility for green issues, formerly a shadow Cabinet job. Ann Clwyd, who was knocked of the shadow Cabinet last year, and Joyce Quinn become deputies to Robin Cook at foreign affairs.

The most innovative changes concern Mr Blair's decision to transform the Whips' office. Insiders made clear that in future young, bright MPs will be expected to do a spell in the Whips' office before earning a frontbench appointment, in a similar way to the Tories.

At present the Labour Whips' office is not considered a career path, and has traditionally been filled with old timers, unlikely to venture to the front benches. "An appointment to the Whips' office is a kiss of death," one MP said.

Mr Blair has been particularly keen to instigate a more active Whips operation, with much closer contacts with departmental briefs and better liaison with the parliamentary party. He is said to have been unhappy about the present office, arguing that it is not political enough and is inefficient at organising MPs for crucial votes.

Derek Foster, who has recently fought off a challenge to be re-elected as Chief Whip, is said to be reasonably happy that he will head a team of "bright young things". However, some MPs suggested that the establishment supported his reappointment in exchange for his co-operation on the changes.

Mr Blair has also made clear that he intends the Whips' office to be an ideal training ground for his future lieutenants. They would get to know parliamentary proceedings as well as learning to work effectively with other MPs.

The Labour leader has also used his frontbench overhaul to promote some of his closest allies and to bring two black sheep back into the fold. Brian Wilson, who narrowly missed a shadow Cabinet place and is highly rated by Mr Blair, becomes Jack Cunningham's deputy at trade and industry.

George Foulkes, dismissed after a drinking offence, returns to the front bench as deputy at overseas development, while Jeff Rooker, dropped after suggesting that students should pay for their education, returns to the front bench to join Ann Taylor's department: Leader of the House and Citizen's Charter. Kevin McNamara, who lost his Northern Ireland job to Marjorie Mowlam, heads the civil service in the same office.

Alistair Darling remains city spokesman, while Andrew Smith, as announced last week, takes the post as shadow Chief Treasury Secretary. Nick Brown, moves out of the Treasury to become Margaret Beckett's deputy at health. Mr Brown worked closely for Mrs Beckett, as shadow deputy leader of the House and voted for her in the leadership elections.

Alun Michael, also rated highly by Mr Blair, stays at one of the top frontbench jobs as deputy at home affairs.

SIMON WALKER



Dawn Primarolo, left, and Hilary Armstrong have been appointed to Gordon Brown's shadow Treasury team

Smuggled beer puts pubs in danger

MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE unrestricted flow of cheap duty-paid beer from France is undermining the British pub, it was claimed yesterday.

British pubs have lost an estimated £340 million in sales last year, while off-licences have lost sales worth £320 million since the introduction of the single European Market in 1992, the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee was told. During its first hearing into the implications of the recent increases in personal allowances for imports of beer, wine and tobacco, the committee was told that an estimated 26,000 pubs and most off-licences have noticed a significant drop in trade.

The British Retail Consortium, which represents the retailers of 90 per cent of off-licence sales in Britain, said that the increase in cross-border shopping had led to a loss of £320 million of sales in 1993. If present trends continue that figure is expected to increase to £900 million for 1994.

The association said: "There is every reason to anticipate that the volume of duty-paid imports will double by the turn of the century if no countervailing action is taken." The predicted growth in passenger traffic "means that personal imports of beer are likely to be equivalent of 8 to 10 per cent of total beer sales in the UK by the year 2000".

Increased smuggling of beer for illegal resale throughout the country, known as bootlegging, is estimated to be about a third of all duty-paid imports of beer, the association said.

Surveillance at Dover had revealed that an average of 150 transit vans queue early each morning to travel to Calais for cheap beer. The association said a net profit of £324 could be made on each trip. It wants the Treasury to reduce excise duty on beer by 50 per cent to reduce the incentive to smuggle.

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT

Commons (2.30): Treasury: Prime Minister. Debate on Northern Ireland.
Lords (3): Local Government (Scotland) Bill and Sale and Supply of Goods Bill, third readings.

Pressure for change rejected in all but three shire counties

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

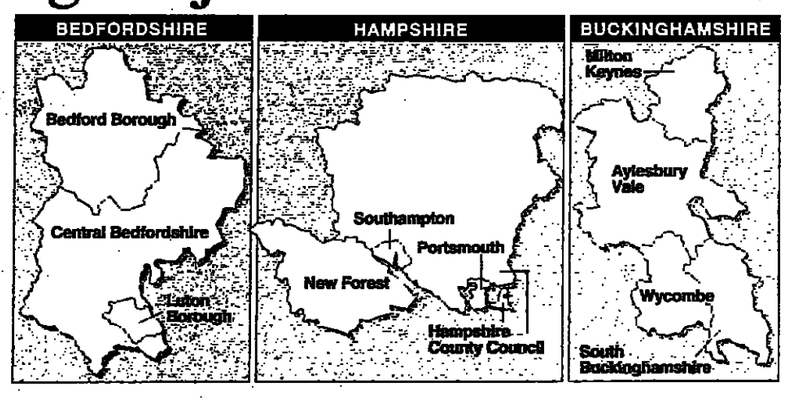
GOVERNMENT hopes of replacing the English shires with a network of efficient, all-purpose local authorities took another knock yesterday.

The Local Government Commission recommended no change in six out of nine counties and approved only modified alterations in a seventh.

After spending £250,000 in each county to discover what the public wanted, the commission found that only in Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire was there genuine support for switching to the new system. In Hampshire most of the county wanted no change. However, the commission agreed that Southampton and Portsmouth had proved their case to regain the autonomy they lost in the last local government reshuffle in 1974, and that the people of the New Forest deserved a unitary authority of their own.

The recommended changes to the three counties, which need to be endorsed by the Government and approved by Parliament, are shown in the graphic (right).

In Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Cumbria, Hampshire, Kent, Lancashire and Oxfordshire, the commission found insufficient support to warrant a change. All, save Kent, were originally meant to be split into unitary authorities. Retaining the old county council was not even an option in Cambridgeshire and Cumbria. The consultation process stood those ideas on their head.



The proposals follow the decision on Tuesday by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, to keep the counties of Somerset, North Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, while splitting Avon and Humberside — two creations of the 1974 reorganisation.

Announcing yesterday's decision, Sir John Banham, the commission chairman, said: "When we asked local people directly what they wanted, the answer came back very plainly: 'We would like to see the existing system improved, but otherwise no change.' We are not prepared to recommend change unless there is a full-hearted support for it."

Sir John denied that the exercise had been a waste of money. "If we had pressed ahead regardless of local opinion the reorganisation for local government transition would have been £135 million. We regard the cost of consulting the local people as minuscule in relation to the benefits of avoiding expensive mistakes."

The proposed changes would mean the creation of ten more unitary authorities in addition to the 14 already agreed. Sir John said that the review had achieved its four aims: to correct the mistakes of 1974; to help to establish unitary authorities; to show the benefits of change; and to encourage improvements in the present two-tier system.

As people everywhere began to see unitary councils were able to provide better services, he believed there would be pressure for change everywhere, but it had to come from the people.

The commission's recommendations were greeted with dismay by the Association of District Councils. Margaret Singh, the chairman, said: "Districts have been concerned that the public consultation exercise was heavily influenced by county council campaigns, effectively frightening people into supporting the status quo with allegations of higher council tax bills and supposed threats to jobs and services — in short by propaganda."

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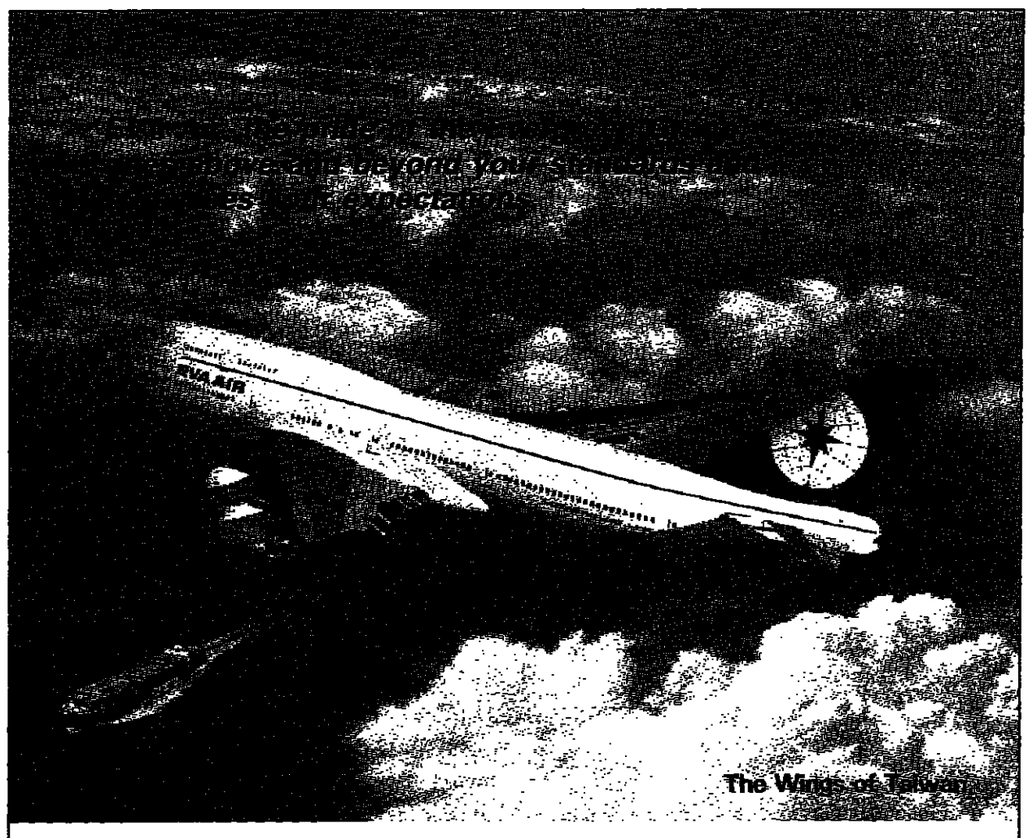
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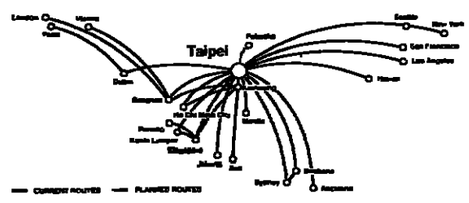
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'Without tough action, life in 30 years, particularly in southern England, will be hell'

Commission offers greenprint' to end tyranny of the car

BY NICK NUTTALL AND TIM JONES

A SA change in the way peo live, work and play is needi to stop rising air and noise pollution, congested stree and damage to nature sites, the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution said yterday.

In long-awaited report, the commission has set ambitious targetsfor boosting rail, bus and public transport and curbin the growth of road freight nd cars.

Presenting the report, Professor Jon Lawton, a member of the commission from Imperial Cllege, London, said that without tough action "life, particularly in southern England, in 0 years will be hell".

He painted a nightmare picture inwhich the cities and towns below a line from the Wash to he Bristol Channel would be athed in foul fumes and wherethe landscape was concreted ver by roads if the report's recommendations are ignored. "It will be Hell on



Lawton: painted a nightmare picture

Earth below a line from the Bristol Channel to the Wash," he said. "Noise, smell, concrete, and impossible to go anywhere. Congestion means our cities will not work and our motorways will not work".

The evidence to the commission showed that expanding motorways was financial and environmental madness: "If you do the proposed road widening of the M25 and spend £9 billion doing it do you know what that would buy in terms of relieving congestion? Eight years before you are back with the same problem."

Professor Lawton said rising air pollution from traffic not only threatened public health, targets to head off the threat of global warming and the quality of life but was damaging the land. New research indicated that soil in major British cities was fast becoming unable to absorb water because of pollution from traffic."

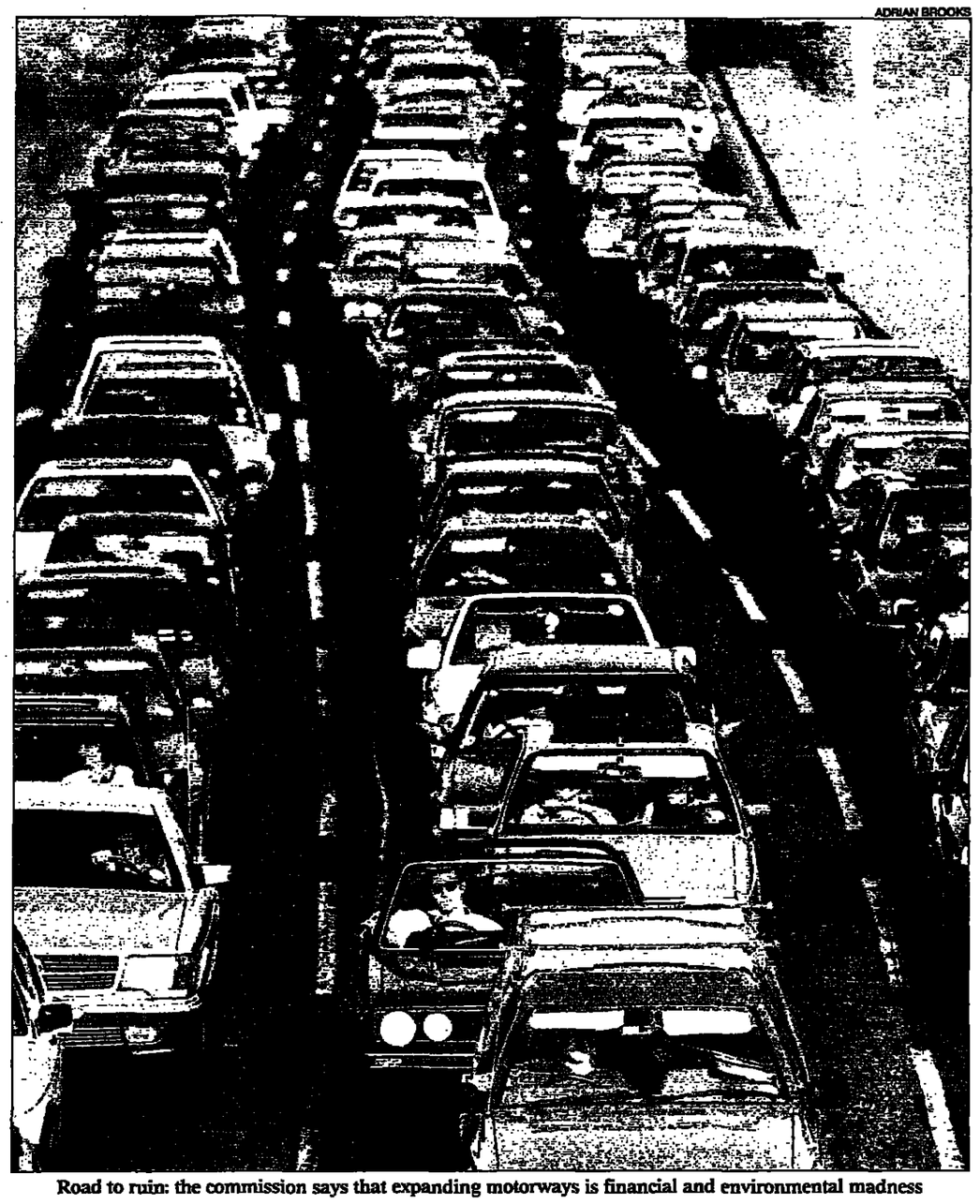
Sir John Houghton, the commission's chairman, said: "We hope the overall vision we have presented will generate the impetus and commitment required to realise the benefits of a new transport strategy. The challenge must be taken up by government, by industry and by all of us individually. There are opportunities for industry to develop innovative technologies."

The result of all this would be "a transport system which will be much less damaging to health and the environment, and at the same time more efficient in providing the access people want for work and for leisure".

The 17 members of the commission, who visited other countries and spent two and half years preparing the 325-page report, have made 110 recommendations. Sir John, the chairman, is former director-general of the Meteorological Office and a special advisor to the Prime Minister on sustainable development.

- ☐ Cut expenditure on motorways and trunk roads by half
- ☐ Increase investment in public transport over ten years
- ☐ Tighten EC emission limits for all new vehicles
- ☐ Vary duty on heavy vehicles according to emissions
- ☐ Ban unleaded super-premium petrol
- ☐ Encourage heavy-vehicle operators to use natural gas
- ☐ Increase vehicle excise duty for less efficient cars
- ☐ Abolish mileage thresholds for company cars
- ☐ Increase enforcement of speed limits
- ☐ Give grants for port facilities for coastal shipping
- ☐ Invest to encourage Channel Tunnel freight to Scotland
- ☐ Increase bus lanes and give buses priority at junctions
- ☐ Encourage new light railway and tram systems in towns
- ☐ Introduce more safe pedestrian routes and cycleways
- ☐ Discourage air travel when rail is competitive
- ☐ Restructure transport department to fit new approach

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Road to ruin: the commission says that expanding motorways is financial and environmental madness

'We must try to tone down this love affair'

WHAT THEY SAID

"We all recognise that chasing car ownership is a pretty silly thing to do. For the sake of the environment, we must try to tone down this love affair with the car."
— Steven Norris, transport minister, at Motor Show '94

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"We should not as a society be trying to deter people from owning a car because it is a unique form of personal mobility."
— Geoffrey Whalen, deputy chairman and managing director of Peugeot Talbot

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"The great car economy is over. We need an immediate moratorium on the roads building programme and any money saved chanelled into alternative provision."
— Michael Meacher, shadow transport secretary

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"We are delighted at the need for all trunk roads to require planning permission."
— David Hall, director, Town and Country Planning Association

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"The reason that road traffic volumes have grown is a direct reflection of the wish of the majority of families in this country to enjoy the personal freedom which the car brings."
— David Gent, director-general, Retail Motor Industry Federation

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"The commission have produced tangible targets which require government action now to avoid environmental disaster and transport chaos".
— William Sheate, Council for the Protection of Rural England

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"A 40 per cent improvement in fuel efficiency by 2005 is not achievable with currently known technology. Halving planned road expenditure will have a serious impact on our competitiveness as a nation within Europe."
— David Wallis, environmental issues spokesman, Vauxhall

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"The report is good news for the five million people who live with lung disease every day. We can no longer allow people to live under a cocktail cloud of pollutants."
— Dr Malcom Green of the British Lung Foundation

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"The AA welcomes the overall aims of the Commission's report but has grave doubts about some of the means. Yet again we are faced with penalties to drive us out of our cars on to non-existent or inadequate alternatives."
— Bert Morris, AA public policy manager

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"Dr Mawhinney must fundamentally rethink the Government's transport policy in the light of the report's conclusions."
— Fiona Weir, Friends of the Earth

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"We do not accept the commission's suggestion that the total number of vehicles on the road by 2025 will be 35 to 40 million. We agree that car ownership will increase but this does not necessarily mean usage will do the same."
— Roger King, public affairs director, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders

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"If the Government follows through the targets on increasing cycle use and reducing urban car journeys this would have the tandem effect of accelerating the Health of the Nation targets."
— Dr Mac Armstrong, secretary, British Medical Association

Road cash could pay for other transport

SPENDING on the £19 billion road building programme should be halved to pay for sharp improvements in public transport including buses, light rail systems, trains and cycle routes, the report says.

Switching more people and goods from the roads is the key to cutting noise, air pollution, ill health and damage to beauty spots.

The commission is also calling for more freight to be switched to the canals and coastal waters and is asking for investment and grants in better freight terminals and ports.

The members want a third of journeys to be made on public transport by 2020, up from 12 per cent now. "People are unlikely to turn to public transport unless [there are] regular and reliable services."

The report calls for more and better policed bus lanes. Buses should be given priority over other vehicles, with automatic or bus-driver operated systems installed at lights.

The commission wants cycle use to be increased to 0 per cent of all urban journeys by 2005, up from 5 per cent now, with more money spent on protected routes. City planners should consider light railways and encourage long-distance coaches by steering for them in traffic schemes.

Drivers could be kept to 50mph

THE possibility of car speed limits being reduced to 50mph is raised as one way of reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

The report says the arguments for slowing down traffic throughout Britain should be examined by 2000. Before then, it says, there is a case for reducing the motorway limit at peak periods from 70mph to 50mph.

"Lower speed would bring direct environmental benefits through a reduction in the number and severity of accidents, improved fuel efficiency and lower emissions of nitrogen oxides.

"Traffic would also be quieter, as the sound from contact between tyres and the road is closely related to speed." The report says more than half of motorists exceed the 70mph limit.

"Effective enforcement of the 70mph limit on dual carriageway roads and the 60mph limit on single carriageway roads would reduce casualties and would also lower carbon dioxide emissions from road vehicles by about 3 per cent."

New technology should be widely used to trap speedsters and heavy goods vehicles of more than 7.5 tonnes should have their speed limiters set at 56mph from 1996.

The report calls on the transport department to conduct an educational and advertising campaign to highlight the environmental and safety effects of driving styles. "We hope car manufacturers will increasingly emphasise safety and fuel economy in their advertising, rather than speed and acceleration."

The report adds: "If the speed limit was reduced to 55mph for all types of road and it was effectively enforced, it is estimated that a further reduction of about 3 per cent in carbon dioxide emissions could be obtained."

The Government should investigate automated guidance systems for increasing capacity on motorways. This could lead to "intelligent" cars equipped with technology to keep them at a specific distance from the vehicle in front.

Financial sanctions the ultimate deterrent

THE doubling of petrol prices within ten years to about £5 is one of a series of measures designed to clean up the atmosphere by encouraging motorists to swap their cars for public transport.

The report says tough controls must be introduced to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide by 2020 to no more than 80 per cent of the 1990 level.

The commission argues that the technical potential for increased fuel efficiency will be realised only if manufacturers and buyers expect a substantial and permanent increase in the relative price of fuel. Therefore the Government's commitment to an annual 5 per cent increase, in real terms, on fuel duty is not enough and a further 4 per cent increase should be levied. Petrol prices are already due to rise 13p a gallon next month, and this proposal would add a further 6p.

If this fails to stop the growth of motoring, further increases in fuel duty should be considered after 2005. The average fuel efficiency of new cars sold in Britain by 2005 should be increased by 40 per cent, by 20 per cent for light goods vehicles and 10 per cent for heavy goods vehicles, the report says.

It also recommends that car tax, currently the same for a Rolls-Royce and a Mini, should be steeply graduated and based on the certified fuel efficiency of a car when new. On company cars, more modifications to the tax rules are urged, including abolition of mileage thresholds.

The commission was not convinced that motorway tolling should be introduced because of the danger of diverting traffic onto less suitable routes.



The commission wants to clear the air so that cyclists can discard face masks

Trains must take more of the strain

RAIL

THE report states bluntly that a continuing spiral of further road building, leading to greater traffic growth, is not sustainable and calls for a halving of the current £19 billion roads programme with resources being switched to rail and other forms of public transport.

Part of the switch from road to rail could be achieved, the commisioim argues, by authorising Railtrack to start work immediately on opening up a freight rail link from the Channel Tunnel to Scotland.

"The rail system has sufficient spare capacity to make a considerable contribution to meeting our target for public transport use in 2005, as well as carrying much more freight," says the report."However, large-scale investment is necessary to utilise that capacity and improve the quality and attractiveness of services."

By 2010, it says, the proportion of goods moved by rail must be increased from 6.5 per cent to 20 per cent. But, the authors say, moves to speed InterCity trains up to the 186mph achieved in France should be resisted unless a comprehensive assessment has shown that the environmental benefits from transferred air traffic will outweigh the environmental costs of landtake, construction work, noise and energy costs.

The report warns there is a risk that freight traffic will be lost to rail as a result of privatisation and calls on the Government to ensure the sale of BR freight subsidiaries to the private sector on favourable terms.

Even a doubling of the price of fuel, the report warns, might not by itself produce a significant transfer of freight generally to rail or coastal shipping and additional measures may be necessary.These include more effective regulations of heavy goods vehicles and restrictions on the use of lorries.

Developers face 'fines'

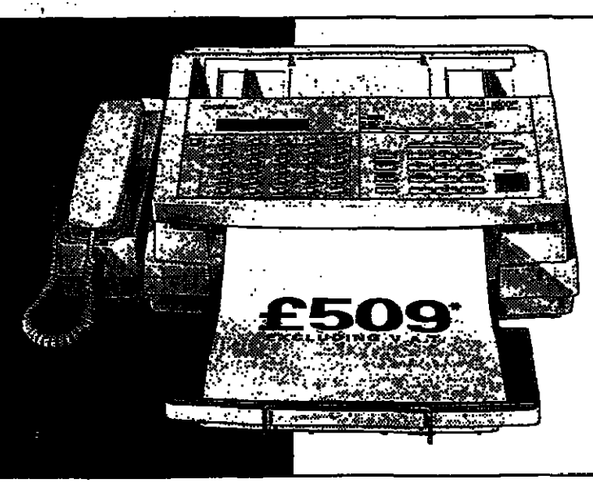
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PRIVATE developers of offices, leisure centres and other facilities that increase traffic should be charged for the environmental damage they create.

The recommendation is one of many land-use proposals designed to reduce development that increases car usage. The commission wants 95 per cent of cars and lorries recycled by 2015, up from 77 per cent at the moment, and a fourfold increase by the same date in rubble reused for road and building schemes in order to reduce quarrying. The commission believes the planning system neglects the environment, with too many facilities removed from homes and public transport, cycle or pedestrian links. It wants John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, to take a more critical line on projects that threaten the environment.

Tough and mandatory environmental assessments should be made for all road building schemes. The existing system, particularly for smaller roads that do not require planning permission, fails to protect wildlife or the countryside, the report says.

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Ceremony in Lawrence of Arabia's desert ends the 'war with a wink'

■ The ceremony at Wadi Araba ended 27 years of covert coexistence between hostile neighbours, Christopher Walker writes

Yesterday's signing ceremony bringing peace between Israel and Jordan ended 27 years of covert co-existence between hostile neighbours dubbed by Shimon Peres, Israel's Foreign Minister, as "a state of war with a wink."

The thoughts of those at the formalities at a hastily constructed site in the sweltering Arava Desert, territory once familiar to T. E. Lawrence when he made his attack on nearby Aqaba, turned towards Syria. Hundreds of hours of intensive diplomacy went into bringing about the treaty, complete with its ingenious formula for allowing Jews to lease back land under Arab sovereignty for a period extending in some key areas, for up to 50 years. But both Arab and Jewish officials admit the work has been easy compared to that which still lies ahead with Syria, vital if a comprehensive regional settlement is going to be achieved.

As Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing opposition Likud party said when welcoming a deal that even many hardline Israelis had long looked forward to: "It appears that Israel did not make excessive territorial concessions. If this is indeed so, then this is a good agreement which shows it is possible to make a peace which serves both sides, and not just the Arab side at Israel's expense. Jordan wants to co-exist side by side with Israel and not to replace Israel as the Palestine Liberation Organisation does."

King Husain is the Arab ruler most liked by ordinary Israelis who praise his charm, polite good manners and Western orientation. Many who know the Sandhurst trained monarch maintain it has been his failing health that prompted him to take an enormous risk in defying the fury of Islamic fundamentalists at home and abroad vehemently opposed to any pact with the Jewish state.

"In some ways, it was a matter of personal destiny. He was aware that no other Jordanian leader, not even his younger brother [Crown Prince Hassan] could carry the nation like he can," one Israeli official said. "He also owed a deep memory to his grandfather assassinated by his side in Jerusalem in 1951 when he was making an earlier bid for co-existence with his Jewish neighbours."

The monarch, proud of direct descendency from the prophet Muhammad, spent many hours in prayer before deciding to abandon his dreams of Arab unity and agree to a unilateral peace pact.

There were also pressing economic arguments which advisers say that he and his younger brother found convincing for their long-term strategy of retaining the power of the Hashemite dynasty after the king's death. The royal convictions were reinforced, according to palace officials in Amman, by his warm contacts with Mr Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, and by a determination not to be left off "the peace roundabout" in favour of the PLO.

Jordan and Israel have not fought since 1967 but during this uneasy period of no war and no peace, Israel's economy has dwarfed that of its neighbour. The final jump towards formalising *de facto* relations was encouraged by President Clinton's offer to write off the kingdom's $980 million in private and public debts to America if the treaty with Israel was signed. The King received support from many of his subjects, although his peace strategy was angrily opposed by an alliance of Palestinian radicals and Islamic fundamentalists who on Monday took over the plaza of Amman University and burnt the American and Israeli flags.

Moves towards bringing the relatively harmonious secret relationship out of the closet was facilitated by the decline in the regional power of the Soviet Union and of Jordan's powerful neighbour Iraq. Once the PLO agreed in September 1993 to sign the lines of a treaty, the last obstacles was removed. Intense negotiation on outstanding disputes followed, with both sides able to declare that neither had been the victor in an settlement in which Jordan will regain its sovereignty over around 135 square miles of Israeli occupied land.

Hollywood glitz as peace blooms in the wilderness

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN WADI ARABA ON THE ISRAEL-JORDAN BORDER

THE Middle East yesterday witnessed its first Hollywood-style peace ceremony at which Israel and Jordan ended 46 years of war in a fashion dictated mainly by the requirements of American television networks.

"I do not think it is any secret that 1pm here is 7am on the American east coast," said Uri Dromi, chief of Israel's 100-strong press team, explaining why the ceremony was taking place in the searing desert heat, rather than the relative cool of morning as Israel had suggested.

Despite the absence of actress Barbra Streisand, and tennis star John McEnroe, who for reasons unexplained was also on the list of 5,000 invited VIPs, there was sufficient schmaltz at the self-styled "peace festival" in a hastily cleared minefield to satisfy the most demanding producer.

There was also an absent "baddie" in the person of Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, who was not invited to the ceremony. Mr Arafat rudely told Jordan and anyone else who disputed his claim to Jerusalem as capital of a future Palestinian state to "go and drink Gaza sea water".

"It was the wish of King Husain not to invite him," said Shulamit Aloni, Israel's Culture Minister. "I personally think he should have been here."

With Palestinians forming over 60 per cent of Jordan's population, the absence of Mr Arafat and the alienation of his people from the far-reaching, 30-clause treaty creating peace along Israel's longest land border was the main shadow cast over the proceedings. The other came from guerrillas in southern Lebanon, who fired mortars into northern Israel to register their disapproval.

With the purple mountains of Wadi Rum providing a scenic backdrop, three men

THE SIGNING

vied for role of star. The *Jordan Times* had no doubt that the hero was King Husain. Referring to the monarch, who will be 59 next month, the paper declared in large type under his picture: "It's his day."

The monarch, his back ramrod straight, could not disguise his deep happiness. "God willing, there will be no more deaths, no more misery, no more suspicion, no more fear and no more uncertainty," he declared.

It was President William Jefferson Clinton — as he was introduced by the two television presenters who co-hosted the proceedings — who pointed out the historical roots of the treaty for the king: he was only a teenager when his grandfather was assassinated in Jerusalem, just a few yards away from him, during an earlier vain bid for Arab-Jewish co-existence.

"Today, in this arid place, you bring to full flower the memory of the man who taught you to see peace, your grandfather King Abdullah ... truly you have fulfilled your grandfather's legacy," said Mr Clinton, the king, survivor of 11 assassination attempts, was visibly moved.

In terms of rough-hewn eloquence, the most moving address by the three aspirants for top billing came from Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister. "It is not only our states that are making peace with each other today, not only our nations that are shaking hands in peace here in the Araba. You and I are making peace here, our own peace, the peace of soldiers, the peace of friends."

The most moving moment came when the grand-daughters of an Israeli and a Jordanian, both killed in the 1967 war, climbed shyly on to the red-carpeted dais to hand over bouquets.

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Hillary Clinton has lesson in history

HILLARY Clinton has slipped easily into her role entertaining the wives of the Middle Eastern leaders whose triumphant peace agreement her husband has been feting.

Her first stop was a visit to the pyramids with Suzanne Mubarak, the wife of the Egyptian President, keeping an appointment with ancient history that President Clinton wished he, too, had been able to keep.

Mrs Clinton spent 30 minutes at a presidential rest-house overlooking the pyramids with Mrs Mubarak, who gave her an impromptu lesson in Egyptian history as they looked out.

The two women had a traditional Egyptian breakfast consisting of *ful* (favia

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beans), falafal, local cheeses, honey and molasses. A birthday cake for Mrs Clinton followed. "I'm glad to be here on my birthday," Mrs Clinton, who turned 47, told reporters and photographers.

An American official said that President Clinton, busy in talks with President Mubarak and Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, could not visit the pyramids. But there was no doubt where he would have preferred to be. Asked how Mr Clinton was coping with the hectic pace of a three-day, six-nation Middle East tour that comes on the heels of a tour of the western states of America, Dee Dee Myers the White House spokeswoman said: "If it were up to him he wouldn't sleep. He'd go to the pyramids, he'd go to the historic sites."

She said the two presidential couples were up talking until 2.20 am at the al-Qobbah palace in Cairo where the Clintons are staying.

In Jordan, Mrs Clinton found she had more than expected in common with King Husain's American-born wife Queen Noor. Both drew gasps from a fashion-conscious crowd by stepping out in the desert in turquoise-coloured suits.

Quite what Mrs Clinton will find in common with the wife of President Assad of Syria when the tour party reaches Damascus remains to be seen. But President Clinton's trip to the Middle East recalls memories of Richard Nixon's journey to the same country 20 years ago and his flight into Syria at a time of uncertain relations between Damascus and Washington. He was the first American President to visit Syria.



Mrs Clinton, right, looking out at the Giza pyramids with Suzanne Mubarak

Tehran hosts Hamas leaders

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

RESISTANCE

IRAN invited three top officials of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, to Tehran last month and offered them full support in attempting to thwart the Middle East peace process, according to an exiled Iranian opposition group. Hamas warned yesterday it was equipped to do battle with Israel "anywhere in the world" if Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, decides to strike at Hamas targets outside the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The three men — Musa al-Marzough, Ibrahim Ghousheh and Imad al-Alami — arrived in Tehran on September 21 and were received by both Ali Akbar Velayati, the Foreign Minister, and by President Rafsanjani, the National Council of Iranian Resistance said. In October 1992 Hamas was said to have received $30 million (£19 million) on the orders of Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme spiritual leader.

Strikers support PLO on holy sites

FROM BEN LYNFIELD
IN EAST JERUSALEM

THERE was wide support for a general strik called by the Palestine Liberation Organisation yesterday in protest against provisions in the Jordania-Israeli peace treaty which recognise a Jordanian ole in the care of the holy sites in Jerusalem.

Most Palestinians seemed to agree with those in the PLO who warned King Husain not to visit Jerusalem unless he is invited by Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

"What does the King need over here? My people have been jailed, killed, and had their houses destroyed and we are not

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about to give the entire cake to him," said Ahmad Joeby, an Arafat loyalist. "The King's grandfather was killed and people say that, maybe if he comes here, he will also be killed," he added, referring to the 1951 assassination of King Abdullah by a Palestinian at the nearby al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine.

In the West Bank town of Hebron, 1,500 supporters of Mr Arafat's Fatah faction marched through the streets chanting: "Death to King Husain".

Hussein al-Sheik, a Fatah official, said: "We will not allow the Israelis or Jordanians to divide Jerusalem among them."

But Ahmed Said, a 24-year-old Jerusalem resident, said: "I do not care much about who has a role there, as long as they are Muslims. I do not care if it is Jordanians or Palestinians, as long as it is not the Israelis."

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BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

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By the terms of the peace treaty concluded at Wadi Araba yesterday, Jordan and Israel have undertaken to "establish full diplomatic and consular relations" and to exchange resident ambassadors within a month of ratification.

The treaty, which runs to 30 articles and many annexes, addresses issues including the land boundary, leasing and security arrangements, the management of water resources, economic relations, refugees, navigation and civil aviation, tourism and the effective twinning of the port towns of Aqaba and Eilat.

Israel recognises formally "the present special role of Jordan in Muslim holy shrines in Jerusalem".

On the boundary, the Jordanian insistence on a return to the line of 1922 — drawn by British officials charged with administering the Palestine Mandate — has borne fruit for King Husain. The pact was made possible by Amman's agreement to lease back to Israel immediately territory in the Baqura-Naharayim and the Zofar areas (described as "under Jordan's sovereignty with Israeli private land use rights").

The lease will run for 25 years, to be renewed automatically for another 25, "unless one-year notice is given by either party".

Article 4 of the treaty commits the parties to the creation of a Conference on Security and Co-operation in the Middle East (CSCME), entailing the adoption of a regional model of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE).

In addition to undertaking to refrain from the threat or use of force, Jordan and Israel are committed to taking effective measures to ensure that acts or threats of violence against the other "do not originate from" their territory. This is the very commitment that Israel has demanded of Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in areas under his control.

Recognising "the principle of free and unimpeded flow of goods and services", both countries have agreed "to remove all discriminatory barriers to normal economic relations". A potential barrier to smooth relations, water, has been addressed in detail, and the parties have undertaken "to ensure that the management and development of their water resources do not harm the water resources of the other party".

Annexe II deals with the allocation of water from the Yarmouk and Jordan rivers, setting out the allowance — which varies in the summer and winter periods — available to both countries. In addition, they will co-operate to build "a diversion/storage dam" on the two rivers.

The two countries agree to consider the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba as "international waterways open for unimpeded and non-suspendible freedom of navigation". After Egypt, Jordan is only the second Arab country to take this view of a waterway that is of incalculable strategic value to Israel. In addition, both Jordan and Israel will now accept that the civil aircraft of the other have the right of overflight.

China told of scandal over 'slave labourers'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

WORKERS in at least 20 Chinese quarries are being treated like slaves, according to an official newspaper.

Yangcheng Wanbao said that one quarry in southern Guangdong province was "operated like a prison where workers are forced to work like slaves and live in miserable conditions".

The labourers were recruited from the millions of unemployed rural people moving about China. Some were hired outside railway stations, where migrant workers congregate in many Chinese cities.

Quarry workers were locked in "simple and crude dormitories" at night and forbidden to rest or leave the job. At least one had not been paid for more than a year. Those who complained were beaten by guards and most were afraid to complain for fear of losing their posts.

The newspaper report became the subject of *Today's Hotline*, a radio phone-in talkshow in Canton. Such programmes are now popular throughout China for their discussion of hitherto taboo subjects, including sex and local corruption.

Government censors constantly listen to the shows and can stop the broadcasts at any moment, but programmes like *Today's Hotline* have attracted millions of listeners. Their presenters, regarded as celebrities, are among the highest paid people in China.

Callers to the show about conditions in quarries expressed shock, especially after an interview with the reporter who said he had visited one of the sites. The quarry is operated by a local township and an official of the provincial labour bureau said that "the practice of forced labour . . . is common across the province".

The official said that his department had only 284 inspectors to look after 30 million workers in the province.

A caller to the talkshow claimed that not only quarries but also many factories throughout the Pearl River delta exploited their workers as if they were slaves. Another caller said that such malpractices could "damage the prestige of the Communist Party throughout the province".

This view was echoed by a third caller who said he was horrified at "slavery in the Socialist society under the Communist Party's leadership". He suggested that veteran revolutionaries "of the older generation before liberation" visit state-run and foreign-funded enterprises to urge labourers "to wage struggle against capitalists and proprietors who infringe the workers' rights and interests".

Peking lures investors

Peking: China will overtake the United States as the world's top investment destination by the end of this century and itself become an increasingly bigger investor abroad, speakers told the Pacific Rim forum here yesterday.

Edward Chen, of Hong Kong University, said that last year China attracted $26 billion (£16 billion) in foreign investment, second after the US. *(Reuter)*



Edward Kennedy scenting victory after the broadcast skirmish with his Republican rival

Kennedy sees off challenge in noisy television debate

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

EDWARD Kennedy may be flawed and overweight, but his fighting spirit was undimmed as he tangled in a rancorous shouting match with Mitt Romney, the Republican who wants his Senate seat.

Neither the senator, 62, nor Mr Romney, 47, a venture capitalist, scored a clear victory in their televised debate in Boston. But by not losing and by avoiding any big stumbles, Mr Kennedy emerged in better shape than Mr Romney, who faces intense pressure to try to top the senator in their second debate tonight.

Opinion polls are now running heavily in favour of Mr Kennedy, the Senate's most liberal Democrat. He has moved ahead from a dead heat a month ago to an 18-point lead — 50 per cent to 32 per cent — in the latest *Boston Herald* poll, with less than two weeks to polling day on November 8.

The hall fell silent as Mr Kennedy was asked about his greatest personal flaw. Minds raced over the litany of Chappaquiddick, the night on the town that led to his nephew's rape trial, the accounts of drinking, womanising and divorce.

After a pause, Mr Kennedy admitted that there had been indiscretions in his personal life: "I've not lived up to all the expectations of the people of Massachusetts. But I try every day to be a better father, a better son and a better husband." He married for the second time two years ago.

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

His mother, Rose, is 104. When Mr Romney was asked to identify a flaw he replied, after some prompting, that he had not done as much volunteer work as he would have liked.

The tone of the debate was mostly heated and angry, often requiring the chairman's intervention. Mr Romney, a multi-millionaire and a political novice, suggested that the senator had profited unethically from a Washington property investment. Mr Kennedy, staring back stonily, said: "Mr Romney, the Kennedys are not in public service to make money. We have paid too high a price" — a reference to the assassinations of his brothers, President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy.

Mr Romney was flustered as Mr Kennedy explained the intricacies of the legislative process and boasted about the myriad government goodies he has brought home to the Massachusetts electorate during his 32 years in the Senate. Both men looked uneasy when accusing the other of failing to provide healthcare coverage for workers in companies with which they are associated.

At one point during the debate, Mr Romney suggested that Mr Kennedy was "soft on crime" because he was opposed to capital punishment. "Oh, give me a break, Mr Romney, give me a break," the senator remarked dismissively.

Lawyers fight over Nureyev bequest

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE foundation established by Rudolf Nureyev is suing the family of the late dancer over the rights to his legacy in what has become an unseemly legal ballet.

On Tuesday, the Rudolf Nureyev Dance Foundation filed a lawsuit in New York's federal court against Nureyev's heirs, claiming that the family had threatened to prevent an auction of the dancer's possessions scheduled to take place in New York next January.

At stake are the contents of Nureyev's New York flat, including more than 100 paintings, sculptures, musical instruments, furniture and antique clothing with a combined worth estimated at $7 million (£4.5 million).

Three months before his death from Aids in January 1993, the dancer bequeathed his US property to the Chicago-based foundation to provide scholarships for young dancers. The lawsuit claims that lawyers for Nureyev's sister, Roza Noureeva-François, and other relatives are now attempting to prevent the auction.

"Without these assets, the foundation will most likely not survive, and Mr Nureyev's expressed desire to support the art of dance, to which he devoted his entire life through gifts to the foundation, will be nullified," the suit claims. The foundation maintains that Nureyev's relatives have already been provided for in his will, with bequests of $200,000 each.



Nureyev: bequeathed his US property to dance foundation

Indians bet on museum

New York: The Smithsonian Institute in Washington will receive $10 million (£6.5 million), the largest single donation in its history, from a small Indian tribe which runs one of America's biggest legal gambling operations (Ben Macintyre writes).

The Mashantucket Pequot tribe, which owns the Foxwoods casino on tribal land in Connecticut, agreed to make the contribution to the National Museum of the American Indian to be built by the Smithsonian in Washington. The tribe's surviving 320 members own a casino which employs 10,000 people.

Bridge offer

Seoul: South Korea's Dong-Ah Construction Company, which built the bridge that collapsed here last week and killed 32 commuters, has offered to erect a new bridge for free. *(AFP)*

French air fair

Luxembourg: The European Court of Justice has told France to immediately open to competition air routes from Paris to Marseilles and Toulouse, ending protection for a subsidiary of Air France. *(AP)*

Delors delayed

Paris: Jacques Delors, European Commission President, said he would remain in his post in Brussels at least until January 25 because of the delay in approving a new Commission. *Reuter)*

Poll go-ahead

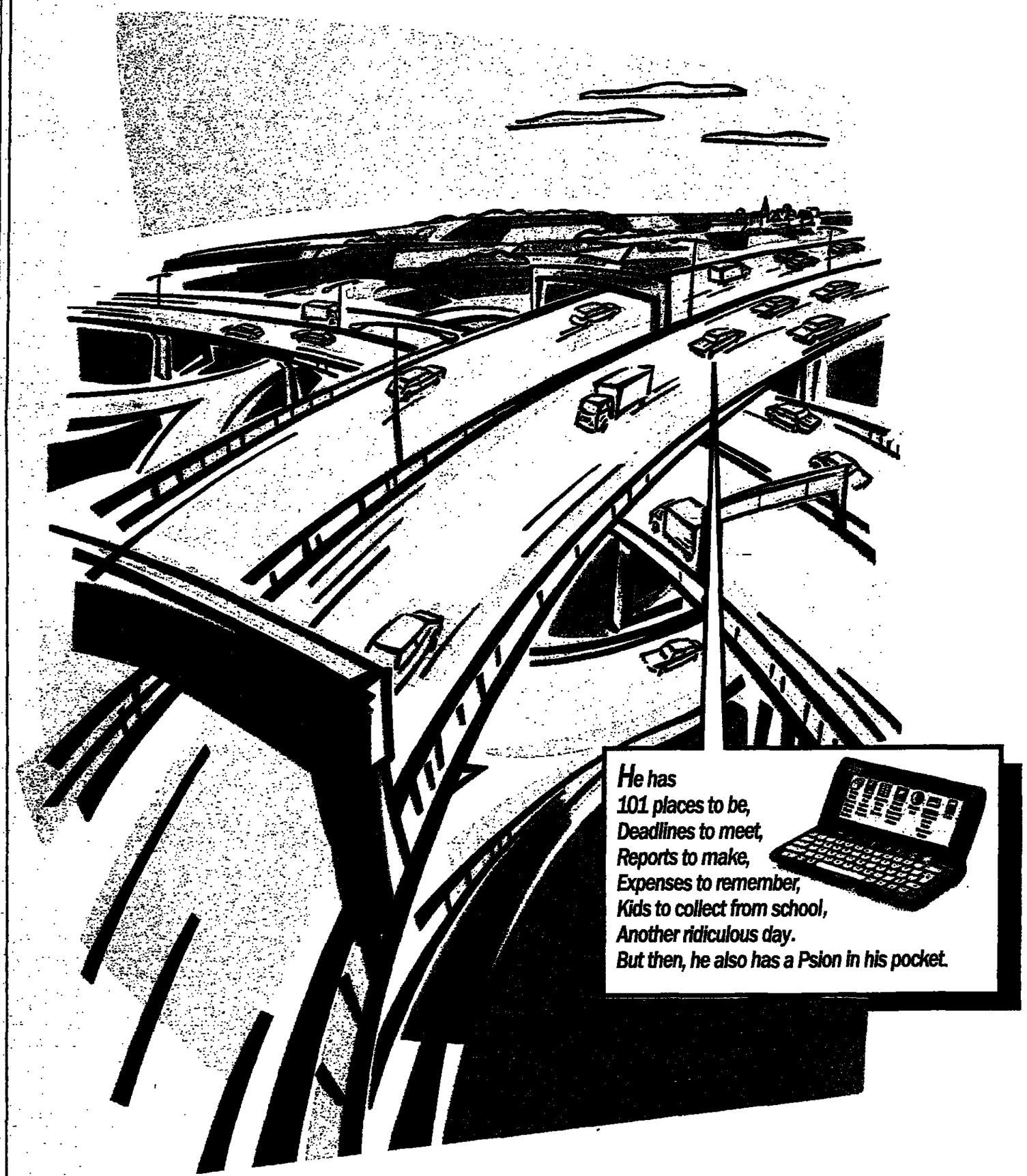
Maputo: Aldo Ajello, a United Nations special envoy, said he expected Mozambique's first multi-party elections to begin today, despite allegations of irregularities and fears of violence. *(Reuter)*

Marcos offer

Manila: Imelda Marcos said she had offered £18 million to compensate victims of human rights abuses during her late husband's rule as Philippines President, but the offer had been rejected. *(Reuter)*

Minister ill

Seoul: A South Korean official said that O Jin U, North Korea's Defence Minister, was seriously ill in Paris with lung cancer. *(Reuter)*



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Wildlife endangered by pollution of Arctic breeding ground



Bewick's swans which live in Britain in winter and breed in the Pechora region of the Russian Arctic

By Michael Hornsby
Countryside Correspondent

MIGRATORY birds, including many which visit Britain, are among the wildlife most at risk from the oil spillage in the Russian Arctic, environmentalists said yesterday. However, the onset of winter could slow the spread of the oil, buying time for a clean-up operation to be mounted.

The spillage occurred along the Pechora river near Usinsk, just below the Arctic Circle and about 900 miles east of Moscow, an area of forest tundra and boggy land that freezes solid in winter but undergoes a surface thaw in summer. It is home to diverse plants and animals, including swans, geese, Arctic foxes, hares, lemmings, reindeer, caribou and salmon. An initial estimate by the US Department of Energy put the pipeline spill at two million barrels, eight times more than the amount disgorged by the *Exxon Valdez* in Alaska in 1989 and vastly greater than has so far been admitted by the Russian authorities. But the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said the incidents were not comparable.

"We have no confirmation yet of the volumes spilled," Peter Prokosch, WWF's Arctic co-ordinator, said. "The oil from the *Exxon Valdez* flowed directly on to hundreds of miles of coastline, which has not happened in this case. For the time being the oil is likely to remain trapped in the winter ice, which at least provides a chance to organise clean-up action before next spring and summer."

Ornithologists in Britain are most worried about the effect of the spill on rare Bewick's swans, of which about 7,000 spend the winter in this country. The Pechora region is the main breeding ground for the birds. About 15,000 — around 60 per cent of the total European population — gather in the river delta in the late summer to moult and grow new feathers before migrating south.

Simon Pickering, conservation officer of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, said: "Fortunately most of the birds went south before the main spill. The danger will come next year when the ice melts. This could carry oil into the delta and also poison the grass and aquatic plants on which the birds feed. A clean-up operation could also be extremely disruptive of nesting birds next spring."

Other visitors to Britain at potential risk from the spill are whooper swans, bean geese, European white-fronted geese, long-tailed ducks, velvet scoters and seabirds such as pomarine and Arctic skuas. Like Bewick's swans, most of these have already moved south for the winter, but they could face serious pollution of their nesting areas when they return north.

Robert Headland, of the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge, who has visited the Pechora region, said: "There is a tremendous spring flush down the rivers when the ice melts. This will undoubtedly move the oil and deposit it on riverbanks, but it will also carry a lot of the stuff out to the Barents Sea where it will be dissipated. So it is very much a case of swings and roundabouts.

"Depending on the scale of the spill, there is likely to be considerable local destruction of flora and fauna. Animals like reindeer, which can cover huge distances, and birds, which are perfectly capable of finding new nesting sites, should be able to escape from the polluted areas. Smaller animals such as foxes, lemmings and insects could be the main victims."

Mr Prokosch said large tracts of the Russian Arctic were already heavily polluted and it was important to protect the areas that were still pristine.

"US oil corporations are securing large contracts in the region," he said. "One reason for their enthusiasm appears to be that this will enable them to sidestep tough new environmental regulations at home. This underlines the urgency of the need to improve safety standards at the international level."

Russians play down impact of oil disaster

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

ENVIRONMENTAL officials arrived yesterday at the site of the big oil spill in northern Russia to determine how to clean up thousands of tonnes of crude oil spread over the fragile Arctic tundra.

In a move to counter public criticism of official incompetence the Russian authorities insisted that the situation near the town of Usinsk was under control.

"There are these fairy stories about a leak of 200,000 tonnes of oil. That is what oil workers there produce in a month. It is stupid." Nikolai Balin, the regional environmental chief, said. He estimated that the real figure was about 14,000 tonnes, adding: "The situation is under control."

Viktor Kostin, the Deputy Ecology Minister, who is heading a commission investigating the damage caused by the spillage, said yesterday that teams from several Russian ministries were in the area as part of the effort to co-ordinate the clean-up.

"The ecological situation in Komi after the accident on the oil pipeline is serious but not disastrous," he said, adding that there was no trace of oil pollution at the mouth of the main Pechora River where it feeds into the Arctic.

However, Moscow's attempts to play down the impact of the environmental disaster seemed likely to receive a hostile response from the Russian public. The country's press and new environmental lobby groups are livid that local authorities did little to prevent the disaster, called off the clean-up after a few days because of bad weather and are now apparently playing down the extent of the catastrophe.

"The situation there is very serious despite the reassurances we are hearing," Yelena Sukharenko, a local reporter who visited the scene, said. "The worst aspect is that the disaster could have been avoided if the Komineft company had repaired its pipeline, instead of continuing to pump oil."

Her sentiments were echoed by Valentina Semyashkina, head of the committee for the preservation of the Pechora River, who accused the authorities of gross negligence. "Despite the fact that about 23 holes were discovered along the pipeline in August, Komineft continued pumping oil as if nothing had happened," she said. "Oil that leaked into the Pechora River could now pour into the Barents Sea. This has happened before."

The daily newspaper *Izvestia* said Russians were ashamed that they were told about the scale of the environmental damage only after the Americans publicised details of the accident.

☐ **Helsinki:** The pipeline should have been replaced years ago, Valeri Markov, a physicist who chairs a national revival organisation in northern Russia, said, adding that oil companies working there knew the pipeline's lifespan did not extend beyond 1990. *(Reuter)*

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A lonely landscape turned into stinking devastation by one of the many oil spills that have afflicted northern Russia over the years

US 'must have known' of spill

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

EXPERTS in Washington said yesterday it was very unlikely that the United States did not know about the large oil spillage in Russia before receiving a film of the area earlier this week.

"I do not think the Americans were telling the truth about not knowing in advance," said Paul Goble from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "A spill of this size becomes visible very fast."

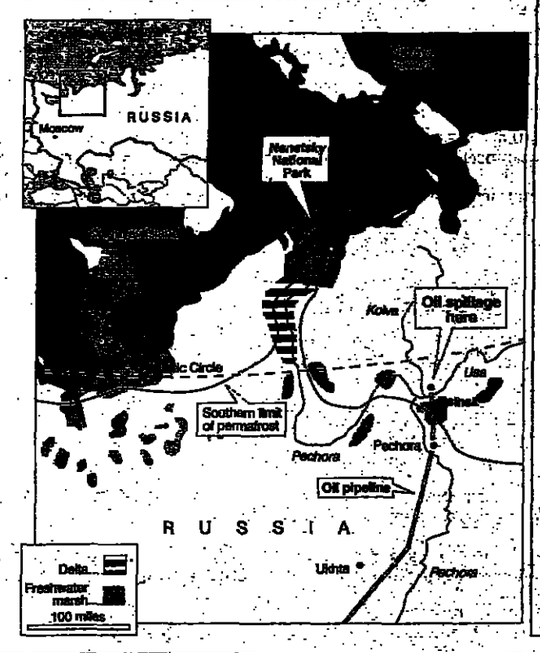
An American firm working in the region had told US officials that the spill appeared to be six to seven miles long, about 13 yards wide and a yard deep. The film, provided by Russian sources to the Energy Department, indicated that someone set fire to a spill from the pipeline earlier this year. In the film, thick black clouds of smoke can be seen billowing from a lake of crude oil.

America has made energy the issue at the core of its relations with Russia and there is a reluctance within the Clinton Administration to suggest there may be difficulties that could jeopardise future projects in the region. The two countries have signed an oil deal in Azerbaijan and recently concluded an agreement on a consortium in the Barents Sea.

"This was a pipeline problem and it will raise very serious questions about being willing to support projects that rely on Russian pipelines," said Mr Goble, a former Under-Secretary on Soviet affairs in the Bush Administration. "That is why I was surprised that the Energy Department was prepared to admit that it may have outstripped the *Exxon Valdez*."

Energy Department officials said they were formally notified by Russian leaders on Tuesday afternoon that the spill amounted to 13,700 tons of crude oil — about 40 per cent of the *Exxon Valdez* spillage.

Bill White, the Deputy Energy Secretary, said that the unnamed American company in the area had estimated the spillage at 20 times that size. Washington has offered to send a team to help with the clean-up.



Moscow keeps out British attachés

From Richard Beeston in Moscow

ONLY days after the Queen and President Yeltsin toasted the start of a new era in Anglo-Russian relations, the two countries have become embroiled in a diplomatic row reminiscent of the Cold War.

According to diplomatic sources, two senior British military officers were blacklisted by the Russian authorities when they applied to take up their positions this year at the defence section of the British Embassy in Moscow.

The Russian move was a retaliation against the Foreign Office which had earlier turned down two Russian officers, on the ground that they were military intelligence agents.

Even though the case of the British attachés was taken up last week by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, when he met General Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, Moscow has refused to retreat.

A senior officer in the foreign relations department of the Russian Ministry of Defence said this week that Moscow was standing firm. "If you want to know why the British attachés are not being allowed in, ask your Government," he said.

The two attachés are Captain Lee Remmick, who was assistant naval attaché in Moscow in the 1970s and served in the Falklands conflict, and Major Peter Hicks.

Although the Foreign Office refused to comment to avoid an embarrassing public row so soon after the royal visit, privately diplomats said that the dispute was symptomatic of a country where Cold War reflexes persisted. One said: "From time to time, the system throws up these anomalies."

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Rose brushes aside attacks on his style of command

From Joel Brand in Sarajevo

LIEUTENANT-General Sir Michael Rose, the United Nations commander in Bosnia, brushed aside criticism of his leadership and a call for his removal by Sarajevo's ruling and opposition political parties yesterday.

"I've got a job to do here," the former commander of the SAS said. "Not everyone is going to be happy with me all the time, but that's what peacekeeping is all about."

Since the successes of his early months in command — characterised most dramatically by the end to the Serbs' brutal bombardment of Sarajevo — General Rose's popularity among Sarajevans and support among UN and international officials have waned.

On Tuesday a front-page story in *Oslobodjenje*, Sarajevo's daily newspaper, announcing the conclusions of a conference of all eight Bosnian parliamentary parties, heightened criticism of General Rose. A statement from the parties accused him of siding with the Serbs, carrying out British and not UN policy, and "doing everything to water down the decisiveness of the free world in punishing crime and fascism and diverting it to lesser things".

General Rose assumed a year-long command of the troubled UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Bosnia in January. His predecessor, General Francis Briquemont of Belgium, left the post early, frustrated and disgusted with what he described as an impossible mission.

As yet, the Bosnian parliament has not taken any official action. Neither President Izetbegovic nor Haris Silajdzic, the Prime Minister, has come to General Rose's defence or joined in the criticism levelled by their ruling Party of Democratic Action.

General Rose, showing characteristic steadfastness, is confident that he can weather what he says is not much of a storm. "You have to remember that there is a war going on here and it is not surprising that there is a highly charged political atmosphere in which the rhetoric used is sometimes rather extreme," he said in Sarajevo yesterday.

"I remain quite unmoved by these arguments, as I get them from both sides, particularly the Serb side, against whom I have had to use air power on three occasions. I am frequently accused by elements within the Bosnian government for not using air power properly against the Serbs. This represents a fundamental misunderstanding about what peacekeepers are here to do."

General Rose and Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy for the region, have also come under repeated criticism from Nato commanders for curbing the scope of air raids against Serb positions.

"I am not here to change the balance of military force between the two sides or to bring about a change in political thinking," General Rose said. "I have to remain mindful of the millions of people in this country whose lives have been sustained by the presence of Unprofor and the achievements that we have made."

☐ **Tank battle:** A tank duel erupted yesterday between Danish UN forces and Bosnian Serbs in Gradacac in northern Bosnia after a Danish Leopard tank was hit by rebel tank fire. The clash was one of the most ferocious to date between peacekeepers and the recalcitrant rebels, who have stepped up pressure on UN troops since rejecting the international community's last peace proposal. The UN said that at least one Serb tank was "neutralised". There were no UN casualties.



Rose: accused of siding with Serbs

An evening with Joseph Heller



IN 1961, Joseph Heller achieved fame and fortune with the publication of *Catch-22*, his Second World War black-comedy blockbuster. Now, 33 years later, he has written the sequel to one of the most successful novels of the century. Joseph Heller will be talking about his new book, *Closing Time*, to Melvyn Bragg at a *Times*/Dillons Forum.

The forum will take place at Westminster Central Hall, Storeys Gate, London SW1 on Wednesday, November 2, at 7.30pm. Joseph Heller will be signing copies of *Closing Time*, after the event.

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Warriors of apartheid aid old foes in Angola



*Soldiers described by Pretoria as 'mercenaries', are welcomed by the Luanda government, **Inigo Gilmore** writes from Longa*



Some of the more than 5,000 Angolan government troops being trained by white South Africans

AS a member of the South African Defence Force Special Forces in the 1980s, Eeben Barlow spearheaded a mission that resulted in the deaths of more than 700 Angolan government soldiers. Now, in a bizarre twist, his team of former SADF troops are training their former enemies and their efforts are having a big impact on Angola's civil war.

Branded "mercenaries" in South Africa, the directors of Pretoria-based Executive Outcomes prefer to see themselves as military consultants. Last month they completed their first one-year contract, worth £24.5 million, with the government of President dos Santos. A new 12-month contract has just been signed.

Most of the company's 500 or so employees, who earn between 10,000 rands (£1,750) and 40,000 rands (£7,000) a month and include a former brigadier and several colonels, are veterans of the Angolan War. Among them are former 32 Battalion members who in the 1980s led South African military support for Jonas Savimbi's Unita rebels.

The main training base is situated about 125 miles south of Luanda, the capital, next to the Longa River, where military tents nestle between mango trees and papyrus, and malaria is endemic. At the adjoining former nature reserve that serves as a training site, the South Africans have put more than 5,000 ragged, often barefoot and emaciated recruits, aged from 16, through courses ranging from motorised infantry to artillery, engineering, signals and sabotage. After two or three months the trainees are given uniforms and sent to the front.

Among the instructors is Wynand du Toit, 36, one-time national hero who spent more than two years in a Luanda jail after being captured while on an SADF mission to blow up oil installations in 1985. Shot in the neck by his captors, he nearly died in prison but today he happily shares battle experiences with Angolans.

He does the job because he enjoys it and it pays well. "It was a little strange coming back," he said with a smile, "but there is no bitterness because the war between us is over and we are now helping them against Unita, which is generally regarded as better trained."

The huge, bearded Longa camp commander, known only as "Chris", said that Executive Outcomes had also been involved in setting up intelligence structures in Luanda and training Angolan pilots. He insists that the programme has turned the tide of the war in favour of the government, and that Angolan generals tell them that the South Africans have made a significant difference.

The proof, he said, lay in success on the battlefield and the recapture of Cafunfo, the centre of the diamond trade in the north, in July. Joint planning was undertaken with the Angolan high command. Its 16th Brigade — virtually wiped out in 1987-1988 by the SADF in southeast Angola — was reformed and trained by Executive Outcomes. In June, the brigade started a push from Saurimo under the South Africans; six weeks later Unita fled from Cafunfo.

The driving force behind Executive Outcomes is Mr Barlow, 38, a former commander in 32 Batallion before joining the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), the former apartheid government's dirty tricks department.

The operation in Angola has created a stir in South Africa. The country's Foreign Affairs Department led the chorus of disapproval, and publicly condemned Executive Outcomes as "mercenaries". Rusty Evans, the director-general of the department and formerly a close friend of Mr Savimbi, labelled it as a "dangerous, criminal and destructive force in Africa". He added that it was threatening peace efforts in the region and, like Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, demanded its withdrawal from Angola.

In an attempt, perhaps, to counter the mercenary image Mr Barlow is trying to win "hearts and minds" by expanding into humanitarian and civilian work. His men are setting up a medical clinic in a local village and distributing Bibles. There are also plans for a hotel resort.

Ultimately, his long-term aim is for Executive Outcomes to train other government armies in Africa, and provide a peacekeeping force if needed. "If we were operating as mercenaries we could have wrapped this war up by now," Mr Barlow added.

☐ **Luanda:** A senior Angolan negotiator said yesterday that the government had told him to initial a peace accord with Unita rebels on ending nearly 20 years of civil war. Negotiations to end the war have been going on in Zambia since last year. *(Reuter)*

Hair clue to backpack killer

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

STRANDS of hair clutched in the hands of two murdered British hitch-hikers could provide the best chance yet of identifying their killer, an Australian court was told yesterday.

The human hair discovered on the decomposed remains of Caroline Clarke and Joanne Walters indicated that both young women had put up a desperate struggle to defend themselves. The hair is undergoing DNA tests, committal proceedings against Ivan Milat, 49, were told at Campbelltown Court, near Sydney. He is accused of murdering seven hitch-hikers and the attempted murder of a young Englishman, who was attacked near the Belanglo State Forest, where all seven bodies were dumped.

The court was also shown a badly slashed shirt belonging to Miss Walters, from Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan. The shirt bore 20 cuts. Miss Walters had suffered 15 wounds to the back, three to the arm and two to the left and right breasts. A post-mortem examination had shown that her lower underwear had been removed. A piece of knotted cloth was found tied round her neck and a gag was in her mouth.

Andrew Grosse, a police forensic investigating officer, told the court that Miss Clarke, from Slaley, Northumberland, had been shot ten times in the head with a .22 firearm. A maroon cloth was placed over her head.

Ex-envoy held on Carlos link

FROM REUTER IN VIENNA

AUSTRIAN anti-terrorist police have arrested a former Syrian Ambassador to East Berlin on suspicion of helping to supply explosives to guerrilla mastermind "Carlos the Jackal," officials said yesterday.

Faisal Summak, Syria's leading diplomat in East Berlin from 1981 to 1989, was detained on Tuesday night while staying in a hotel in central Vienna, the Interior Ministry said. It said Summak was alleged to have ordered his Third Secretary to give 10lbs of plastic explosives to Carlos and an accomplice to carry out a bombing in Berlin in 1983.

Summak, who is now believed to be the head of Syria's state tabacco industry, was the subject of an international arrest warrant, it said.

The Austrian news agency APA said German authorities had already told Vienna that they wanted Summak to be extradicted to Germany, where prosecutors believe Carlos and his suspected associate, Johannes Weinrich, were behind the bombing of Berlin's Maison de France cultural centre in which one person was killed and 22 were injured.

Carlos, a Venezuelan whose real name is Ilitch Ramirez Sanchez, was seized in Sudan in August and taken to France where he is being held pending trial. He admitted the Berlin attack in a letter to Bonn's embassy in Saudi Arabia.

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Electoral monitors say flaws did not affect Pretoria result

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

FAILURES in its supervision of this year's general election in South Africa were admitted in the final report of the Independent Electoral Commission, published yesterday.

The report says that, although it declared the poll to have been substantially free and fair, it could not ignore the possibility that the majority parties had been favoured in northern Transvaal, KwaZulu and Transkei through inefficiency in its administration.

Administrative and financial controls adopted by the commission were admitted to have been unequal to the task; the commission also ignored the letter of the electoral law in a number of cases.

"Undoubtedly," the report says, "the shortfall in ballot boxes at some voting stations, the defects in sealing and certifying balloting materials at voting stations, and their irregular manner of delivery to counting stations constituted breaches of the Electoral Act on the part of IEC officials. It is also clear that the irregularities were not isolated, but occurred at a significant number of voting and counting stations."

There were 165 no-go zones around the country, the report acknowledges, where certain political parties were unable to campaign. "It is not clear," it adds, "whether, and if so to what extent, the existence of such no-go zones impeded free and fair electioneering."

However, the report adds that it does not follow that they had had any significant effect on the outcome. "On the contrary, there is reason to believe that the political parties acted wisely in not wasting their efforts on lost causes."

Judge Johan Kriegler, the chief electoral commissioner, presenting the report yesterday, insisted that the commission had not been a party to any agreement which would have led to a falsification of the results. "The urban legend of deals struck in smoke-filled rooms is stone dead," he insisted.



Kriegler: no deals made in smoke-filled rooms

The commissioners present at the press conference to introduce the report insisted that the final results represented all the votes that were legitimately counted. Judge Kriegler disclosed correspondence between himself and the National Party and the white liberal Democratic Party, in which the parties sought to bring pressure on him to make "improper" adjustments to the voting totals which would give advantage to their parties. He declined to do so, and told them they could sue him and delay the declaration of the results if they wanted to.

The commission's report makes a number of recommendations on the conduct of future South African elections. They include the establishment of a permanent electoral body, independent of government but funded by public money. The most strongly urged recommendation is that no election should be held without a national register of voters.

Pioneering woman pilot crashes

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

ONE of the first women to qualify for combat flying in the American armed forces was presumed dead yesterday after her F14 fighter went down in the Pacific Ocean off San Diego. Lieutenant Kara Hultgreen, 29, who had recently completed her training as a US Navy fighter pilot, had taken off from the aircraft carrier *USS Abraham Lincoln* on a routine training mission.

Lt Hultgreen's radar intercept officer was rescued with only minor injuries by helicopters from the aircraft carrier soon after the F14 was reported missing, but the search for the pilot's body continued yesterday with dwindling hopes of finding her alive and no explanation for the accident.

Women first flew American military aircraft on support missions only, during the Second World War, and were known as WASPs — Women's Airforce Service Pilots. The breakthrough for women seeking to become combat-ready fighter pilots came only when the Clinton Administration lifted a ban on women in air combat last year.

The death of Lt Hultgreen, of San Antonio, Texas, if confirmed, will come as an especially tragic blow to the mere handful of pioneering women fighter pilots admitted to the elites of the US Navy and Air Force.

WORLD SUMMARY

Hijacker gets $2m pay-off

Moscow: The Russian authorities yesterday paid more than $2 million (£1.2 million) to an Azerbaijanii hijacker to secure the release of 26 passengers taken hostage on an aircraft in the southern autonomous region of Dagestan (Richard Beeston writes).

In spite of releasing two of the three crew members late last night, the hijacker continued to demand a further $2 million for the captain, according to a Moscow radio station. The hijacker, armed with a grenade and a homemade bomb, seized the Yak 40 commuter aircraft late on Tuesday.

Biehl killers are jailed

Johannesburg: Three young black men, Vusumzi Ntamo, 23, Mzikhona Nofemela, 23, and Mongezi Manquina, 24, who murdered Amy Biehl, a white American exchange student, in a Cape Town township were jailed yesterday for 18 years each. Judge Gerald Friedman, described the killing of Miss Biehl as cold-blooded and ruthless, adding: "The deceased was killed for one reason only, namely because she had white skin."

Rudder clue to air crash

Washington: Contaminated fluid in the rudder's hydraulic system has emerged as an important clue for investigators trying to establish the cause of the US air disaster near Pittsburgh last month, in which all 132 people on board a Boeing 737 were killed. A sample taken from the crash site showed that the fluid contained more impurities than thought.

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Barbie's creator rejected a mini-vacuum cleaner idea, saying Barbie does not do "rough housework"

Barbie bites back

Ultimate bimbo or original female role-model? **Kate Muir** hears evidence for the defence from the doll's biographer

Drop-dead gorgeous blondes with 39in chests are rarely taken seriously by society. Dismissed as a dimwitted bimbette, a body without soul, the lot of the pneumatic woman is not easy. So it is with Barbie, the world's most popular plastic doll, who, for the 35 years since her conception, has been excoriated by feminists, humiliated by avant-garde artists, and considered a standing joke teetering on her pink stilettos.

Now, after years of misunderstanding, the first generation of Barbie-owners is reclaiming its icon and restoring the doll to her rightful place as "rebel, role model and goddess". The movement — begun, as Barbie herself did, in America — is led by a respected literary and cultural critic, M.G. Lord, whose book *Forever Barbie — the Unauthorised Biography of a Real Doll* is published by William Morrow next month.

Lord claims Barbie was "an early model of female independence", not a toy designed by men to enslave women. Back in 1972, as the feminist movement reached boiling point in America, such a suggestion was anathema. Then, the National Organisation of Women said Barbie "encourages women to see themselves solely as mannequins, sex objects and housekeepers".

But as the book points out, Barbie was no mere frustrated housewife or male appendage — she lived alone, drove her own pink car and paid scant attention to her dull boyfriend, Ken. Without husband, parents or children, she cut an independent swath through the world, with a career from the start in 1959 as a model, clothes designer or just plain "busy gal". Indeed, Ruth Handler, the entrepreneur behind Mattel Inc's creation of the doll, once refused an offer from a vacuum-maker to create a mini-version of its machine. Barbie, she said, does not do "rough housework".

As for Barbie's ridiculous 39-18-33 vital statistics, said to have created thousands of teenage bulimics and anorexics, Lord rather gullibly swallows Mattel's line that the waist had to be tiny so that clothes made of human-scale fabrics would not look ridiculous with a four-ply waistband.

Forever Barbie reveals that Barbie was based on a postwar German doll, *Bild Lilli*, a lascivious plaything intended for adult men and based on a racy comic strip in the newspaper *Bild Zeitung*. She wore lacy underwear and black stilettos, and she often sat on lorry-drivers' dashboards.

This exaggerated sexuality has in many ways given the 11½in doll the body of a male drag queen, with wide shoulders, huge breasts that could only be artificial, tiny hips and enormously long legs. Lord's involvement with Barbie is revealing. She was inspired to write the biography four years ago when her father sent on her old toys from their home in California. When she opened the boxes, she found Ken wearing Barbie's low-cut, sequinned dress from the "Solo in the Spotlight" outfit, and Midge, Barbie's less attractive best friend, in Ken's blazer and slacks. Barbie herself was in a tennis skirt, but her upper protuberances were covered by Ken's sweatshirt.

The author suspects this curious tendency to cross-dress and defeminise may have had something to do with her mother, who contracted breast cancer when her daughter was eight, and later died. For the Barbie generation, rather than adult critics, the doll was not just a materialistic clothes-horse. "Those of us young enough to have played with Barbie realise the case is far from open and shut. In part, this is because imaginative little girls rarely play with products the way manufacturers expect."

> 'Barbie can never bloat, wrinkle, overdose or go out of style'

Barbie is now aimed at children as young as three. In the Barbie Boutique in New York's F.A.O. Schwarz toy superstore yesterday, a girl of three or four, in a tartan dress which matched her mother's, was in tears because her expensive doll preferences were not being fully appreciated by the adults around her. The $70 "Silver Screen" Barbie was not forthcoming. The saleswoman tried to intervene: "You know what happens when little girls cry here?" The child shook her head. "All the Barbies in their boxes start crying too." The girl looked round. "No they're not," she said, and resumed wailing.

This scene illustrates that not only are little girls smart, but it is largely mothers who do the buying of Barbies, in the hope of producing well-groomed offspring. Just as this mother was wearing a dress to match her child's, so the new "Earring Magic Barbie" provides pierced earrings which stick directly into Barbie's head, and a matching clip-on set for the child. When a toy manufacturer launched the "Happy To Be Me" doll with more natural, rounded vital statistics, it was much praised by feminists and commentators. Unfortunately, almost no mothers bought it.

In her own way, Barbie has ascended into politically correct if not anatomically correct circles with the advent of Black Barbie, Jamaican Barbie, Chinese Barbie and Hispanic Barbie, and since 1968, she has had black friends. There is also Doctor (rather than nurse) Barbie nowadays, and even air force fighter pilot Barbie. And like any successful girl, she now has her own ocean-going yacht.

As iconoclastic feminist Camille Paglia has it: "Barbie is truly one of the dominant sexual personae of our time"; and with her constant reincarnations, she is likely to remain so. Lord believes the polyvinyl doll may be the most potent icon of popular culture in the late 20th century. Unlike Elvis, say, or Marilyn Monroe, "Barbie can never bloat. She has no children to betray her. Nor can she wrinkle, overdose, or go out of style."

Where do I want to live when I'm old?

Unless we start a national debate now, our own old age could be bleak, **Clive Aslet** says

Last year my father died. Alzheimer's disease has become a fashionable name for the decline — so painful for the family to witness — that he suffered in his last years, but that implies a degree of precision in the diagnosis that was never there. Mind and body had simply worn out. The best that can be said, I think, is that he died of old age.

It cheers me to remember that his last months were spent in surroundings of near-perfect tranquillity. My stepmother, exhausted by worry, was no longer able to provide the level of care that his illness had come to demand. The decision to find a nursing home for him was difficult but inevitable. Happily, the one that was ultimately identified — a turn-of-the-century house among gardens, with tirelessly patient staff — provided an ambience that he clearly found home-like and soothing. For the family, it was the answer to a prayer.

The owners of the nursing home had started it after their 19-year-old son was killed in a car accident. His portrait hung in the hall, and the sense that the place was being run in his memory gave what I can only call a sacred quality to the care. I am only too aware, however, of our good fortune in finding this paragon, for the experiences encountered during the search for perfection revealed a dismal state of affairs. I remember with particular anger one home in which my father stayed for a short time. My stepmother chose it because it was newly built, which seemed to promise a high level in the efficiency of care. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

The organisation of this particular home into a large number of small sitting areas (it had been designed for another purpose) made constant supervision difficult.

In addition, the matron in charge — a young woman not long out of university — believed that it was a denial of personality to sedate even the violent residents. This may or may not have made their own, confused lives a little richer, but it undoubtedly shattered the peace for the great majority of residents. A disturbingly high number would appear with bruises and lacerations, presumably having been attacked by others. The noise of endlessly repeated shouts and moans from one or two residents made life unbearable for the remainder.

For those used to a quiet and ordered domestic life it must have been hell. And this nursing home, in the prosperous South East, was hardly cheap: a bed cost more than £500 a week.

So, for me, this month's report by the Family Policy Studies Centre and the Centre for Policy on Ageing, which suggested that insurance against the need for long-term care in old age may become compulsory, had special resonance. (As it happens, it is a scheme in which my father would have taken a particular interest, since he worked all his life in insurance; fortunately, by consequence, he himself was insured up to the eyeballs.)

There is certainly something to be said for compulsory insurance, as against guaranteed state provision, because it would provide the policyholder with choice: he can use his money to decide which of the different types of care would suit him best. But what really strikes me — and I suspect my own family's experience is not unusual — is the extreme difficulty of obtaining sensitive nursing care, even for good money. Some things are not always there to be bought.

I am told that, in one way, circumstances have improved since the time of my father's illness. Two years ago many of the residents in nursing homes were paid for by their local authority. Now, thanks to the Government's policy, the emphasis is different: people are encouraged to stay in their own homes, or with their family, for as long as possible.

Of course, this is an attractive principle, though the infirmities of old age frequently require rather more than simple care, however loving. In a case such as Alzheimer's, there is no substitute for constant medically trained supervision, if the object is to prolong life. (I suspect that many people who have watched relatives suffer from the disease would want to question that object, but it is not the intention of Care in the Community to peer into this moral chasm).

But the present oversupply of nursing home beds does not give me confidence that, insurance or no insurance, I will be able to find one to suit my needs when I am of the age to need it. Were I the type to worry about the future, I would have sleepless nights.

It is difficult to generalise about levels and types of care, because the judgment as to what constitutes good care is subjective. But some issues that have not been much thought about are more tractable: for example, the question of how buildings for the elderly are designed. The National Housing and Town Planning Council suggests that features that would make a house suitable for old people should be incorporated when it is first built. Then the cost would be only £1,000 or so — far less than that of conversion at a later date.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is pioneering the concept of Lifetime Homes: houses designed so that they can be lived in by people of any age or state of health. Traditional villages and market towns provide an ideal framework of life for old people, and should be nurtured. The Royal Institute of British Architects should lead the way in studying the planning of nursing homes and other types of accommodation. Often nursing homes occupy old houses which cannot be perfectly adapted to their new role; but increasing numbers of new nursing homes will have to be built, and too little thought has been given to laying down basic rules.

The Care in the Community policy for the elderly is part of the same thrust that closed mental wards in hospitals and pushed those inhabiting them on to the bleak and poorly resourced outside world. The principle is admirable; the trouble is that the community does not have all that is needed to carry the burden.

However, the Government can make one simple gesture to indicate that the extra demands that it is making of the community have not been designed solely to save money. This is to allow the costs of private nursing care, which take the individual out of the state system, to be deductible against tax. This would reassure old people that it is not the Government's intention that their last home should be a doorway in the Strand.

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Caring touch for a resident from a domestic worker — but good homes are hard to find

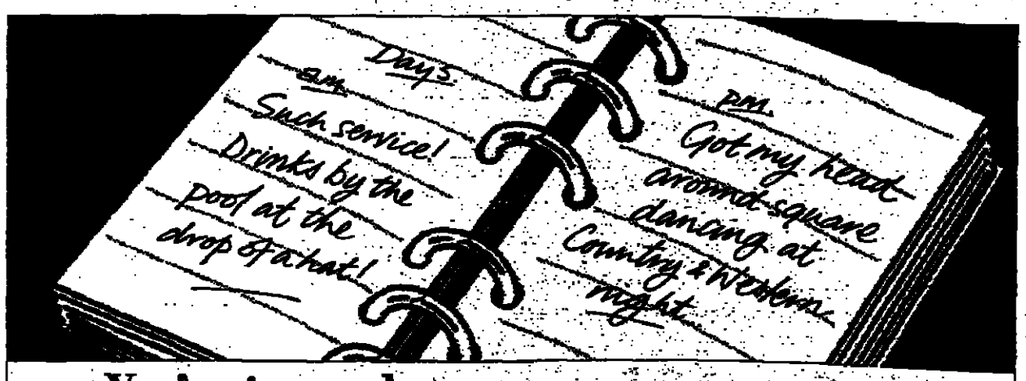


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The severity of measles at any age . . . a link between undercooked poultry and diarrhoea . . . cause and effect in depressed heavy drinkers



DESPITE imprisonment, the morale of the Tsar's children in the last year of their lives remained high. The television film *Nicholas and Alexander* shows that as well as withstanding stringent rationing and the loss of liberty, his daughters had to face a measles epidemic before they were shot, bayoneted, burnt and buried. One of the lesser indignities endured during their captivity, ordered by their doctor rather than the Bolsheviks, was to have their heads shaved as, so far as could be judged, a precaution against catching measles.

The prevention of measles has improved since the days of the Tsar: vaccination against it is possible. Then, and indeed until antibiotics were available, there was no adequate treatment for the bacterial secondary infections which can complicate an attack of measles. The measles patient is particularly susceptible to streptococcal infections and this was a frequent cause of ear trouble, which could lead to permanent hearing loss. Bacterial pneumonia also caused an appreciable death rate. Measles can also activate quiescent TB, giving rise to a full blown case of tuberculosis.

A precaution worth taking



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Even without secondary bacterial infections, patients are often dangerously ill during the viral phase of measles: most children have to suffer swollen eyes, conjunctivitis, ear ache, sore throat and hacking cough. A few develop viral pneumonia but even less lucky are the one in 1,500 in whom, about three weeks after the first spots have appeared, the measles is complicated by encephalitis, which carries with it the dangers of mental retardation and physical handicap. The most unfortunate of all the measles patients (about 15 per million cases) are those who appear to make a good recovery but at the age of 20 develop and die from subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, a disease as horrific as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, so-called human mad cow disease.

Vaccination against measles is usually effective but a proportion of children will not develop antibodies to their first injection. These, together with those who were not vaccinated, will form a group large enough to sustain an epidemic in Britain of up to 200,000 cases of measles. Amongst these, even in the antibiotic era, about 50 deaths would be expected.

Much has been made of the risk of developing encephalitis after injection, but after the first shot the risk is one in a million: after the second one in 20 million. This has to be compared to the one person in 1,500 who may develop encephalitis after measles. The other occasional side effects, joint pains, rash and temperature, are transient.

Chicken out



NOW that the party conference season is over, politicians will start to follow in the wake of Jeffrey Archer and visit local associations to rally morale and eat their chicken dinners.

Let them be warned: medical interest in the bacteria which flourishes on chicken meat didn't end with the retirement of Mrs Edwina Currie to the back bench.

A recent report in the journal of Epidemiology and Community Health on research by doctors at the University of Nottingham has shown that it is not only salmonella infections which cause trouble. Another, very unpleasant organism, campylobacter, causes severe gastro-enteritis, with diarrhoea so profuse that it may be bloodstained. The diarrhoea is associated with pain and very often a temperature of over 100 (38 degrees Centigrade).

People of any age group can become infected, but children under five are particularly susceptible.

The Nottingham survey showed that those patients who developed campylobacter were twice as likely as members of the control group, who remained well, to have had a recent chicken dinner, and had also often handled uncooked chicken.

Eating under-cooked poultry has always been regarded as particularly hazardous. Other meat too can be infected but there is good news for dog and other pet owners. Although they have often been blamed in the past, no evidence of their involvement was found in the Nottingham research.

Diarrhoea caused by campylobacter is treated with erythromycin, which is, at the moment, the drug of choice. A new drug, Klaricid clarithromycin, has yet to receive a product licence but trials suggest that it will be even more efficient. The severity of the diarrhoea, and consequent weight loss, often leaves the patient feeling weak. During an attack hydration can be maintained with any of the standard fluid/electrolyte replacement fluids.

Downing it



FAMILY and friends of Lady Alethea Saville, who died recently from a cocktail of drugs and alcohol, have told of her long battle against depression and addiction. When a patient is both depressed and addicted it can be difficult to know whether the depression is caused by the alcohol, or whether the drinking or drug taking is a response to feelings of hopelessness induced by depression. Even with the correct diagnosis not every case of depression responds to treatment, as Lady Alethea's problems showed.

Doctor magazine reports that at a recent meeting held to discuss addiction to alcohol and drugs Dr Simon Hampson of Oxford described a research project which may help distinguish cause and effect in depressed heavy drinkers.

Dr Hampson's research has shown that patients are more likely to start to drink again if they are still depressed five days after becoming abstinent — time for the body to overcome the depression induced by hangover and withdrawal symptoms. Of the 19 patients studied who had cheered up by the fifth day only four were drinking again at three weeks; of the 21 whose depression hadn't lifted by day five three-quarters were drinking within three weeks. It is these latter patients who should be treated with anti-depressants, and it seems that if they are they are thereafter more likely to stay away from the bottle.

Fears and smears

When a cervical smear test reveals a minor abnormality, which is better: immediate treatment, or constant surveillance? **Dr Kieran Sweeney** reports

If you were one of the 250,000 women in Britain this year with a "minor abnormality" reported on your cervical smear, you would want the best treatment, wouldn't you? But, despite the fact that a national screening programme for cervical cancer has been running in the UK for 30 years now, there isn't any agreement on exactly what constitutes best treatment. The argument is divided between those who say that continued surveillance is the best idea, and those who favour immediate treatment, usually by local or "loop" excision — a form of biopsy — of the affected area. And, confusingly, there is good evidence which supports both sides of the argument.

What actually constitutes a "minor abnormality"? Pathologists who specialise in studying cervical smears recognise three degrees of abnormality in a cervical smear: mild, moderate and severe — the third grade is regarded as cancer, but a cancer which is confined to the very surface of the cervix and hasn't spread deeper. While there is general agreement about how to manage moderately or severely abnormal smears — immediate laser treatment is simple and effective — there continues to be some doubt about what to do when the abnormality is mild, or borderline.

Half of all the women who have a minor abnormality detected on one cervical smear will have normal smears subsequently, without any treatment, say those who favour surveillance. All the large studies have shown that it is safe to wait three or six months, repeat the smear and, if it is back to normal, just continue to watch subsequent smears carefully. Transient abnormalities such as these, say the advocates of surveillance, are innocent and very unlikely to progress to cancer. Sometimes low-grade infection, which is quite common, can cause abnormalities in the cells seen on a cervical smear slide: this may well be reported as borderline, and then return to normal as the infection or inflammation subsides.

But if treatment with laser or diathermy is simple, and can be done for patients in the out-patient department, why wait and risk the possibility that a small cancer might develop? Those who favour a more watchful policy for mild smear abnormalities argue that although "loop diathermy" — the process of removing affected cervical tissue by cautery, is effective, it is not altogether without problems. There is the possibility of bleeding or infection after treatment, and just under 2 per cent of women thus treated will develop a stenosis, or narrowing, of the opening of the cervix, which could complicate child births. In one study, over a quarter of women who had this treatment had no abnormality on the tissue which was removed, which means that the treatment was not necessary. Why over-treat, when many of the mildest abnormalities on cervical smears return to normal, and those which progress will quickly be picked up on subsequent smears?

> "If laser treatment is simple, why risk a cancer developing?"

The trouble with debates like this, currently taking place in the pages of the *British Medical Journal*, is that the opponents of this policy can have just as convincing evidence to support their stance. Nearly half the women who have mild abnormalities on a cervical smear are suffering from a low-grade form of cervical cancer — not the sinister invasive type of cancer which can be life threatening, but technically a low-grade form of cancer nonetheless. This low-grade cancer is only picked up if these women are offered a colposcopy, a detailed assessment of the cervix under magnification, where any abnormal area can immediately be treated. Even if you wait, argue the advocates of immediate treatment, the vast majority of women — three quarters, in one estimate — will end up requiring treatment anyway, because the smear abnormality persists. Most importantly, those who argue for immediate treatment point to the higher number of women found to have cervical cancer in those groups who were surveyed for continuing abnormalities than the general population. In one estimate there were 40 times as many women in the wait-and-survey group than the general population.

There are two elements missing from this debate: what do women want, and what can the health service afford? It is extremely worrying to be informed that any abnormality has been picked up on a cervical smear, even when it might return to normal. There's no doubt that, resources allowing, many women would be reassured by colposcopy, where the cervix would be examined for any abnormal area which might progress to cancer, although the very early signs of such change are sometimes difficult to recognise, even by skilled colposcopists. On the other hand, when this happens, many women would be subjected to unnecessary, negative biopsy, with a small complication rate. This would no doubt be stressful, and may not be the most effective use of resources. The bottom line is that the information used to argue the debate is not of the gold standard of medical research. There is no good information from prospective studies where there is no selection bias of those being studied.

Refereeing the debate for the medical journal, Professor Peter Rubin of Nottingham University comes down on the side of those who advocate surveillance, with swift action for any continuing or developing abnormality. The advantages of immediate referral for colposcopy, he argues, aren't yet absolutely clear.

Although this problem is important and needs a clear answer, it is not the central problem facing the cervical screening programme in this country, which remains the high rate of serious invasive cancer of the cervix occurring in women who have never had a smear. Extending routine surveillance to this group of women, predominantly women in social classes IV and V, remains the greatest challenge for the national cervical screening programme.

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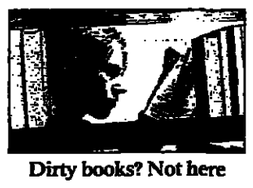
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Dirty books? Not here

It is hard to believe, but apparently some people have been worried that library books might be a possible route for germs to spread about the community. Sara and Itzhak Brook decided to perform a research project to find out whether it was true. They took 15 popular children's books from a library in Maryland, America, and another 15 from their own house to act as a control.

The front page of each book was swabbed all over with a cotton bud dipped in saline. The resulting liquid was incubated for two days on bacterial culture medium, and the results were examined by microbiologists to see what had grown.

The answer was precious little. The only finding was that four library books and three home books gave rise to a few colonies of *staphylococcus epidermis*, which is a harmless bug that lives on the skin. The authors conclude that even if there had been any nasty germs wiped onto the pages, they must have either dried-out or starved to death.

So the panic is over before it has even begun, and the only casualties were 30 children's books with wrinkled front pages after a soaking in saline. The researchers end with the traditional, but in this case (presumably) ironical, plea for "further studies" into the ability of micro-organisms to survive in a picture-book environment.

For my part, one such study is quite enough to be going on with. But I shall sleep more soundly for the reassuring knowledge that my bedtime reading of popular fiction is more likely to cause brain rot than gut rot.

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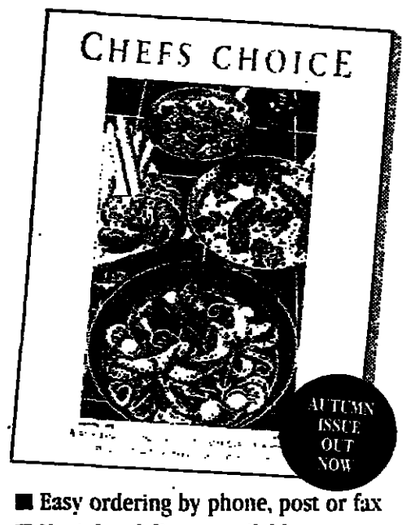
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■ Expulsion from school is a symptom not a cure, but it is not too late for adults to impose discipline .

If your child's education has been reduced to a shambles by a few disruptive classmates, you may well have been cheered to hear that schools are expelling badly behaved pupils at a record rate. To add to your personal relief, there would be a sense of justice. Why should a small number of incorrigible children be allowed to sabotage the school careers of dozens of their conscientious peers? And to ease your misgivings further, the system as a whole will probably benefit from this draconian trend. Belligerent, anti-social louts in the classroom not only undermine the progress of their schoolmates, they also destroy the morale of teachers.

Most of the people I know who have taught in state schools have been driven to despair (or out of the profession) by the havoc which can be caused by a small handful of pupils. Better to remove the troublemakers and leave the studious to get on with it in peace. And given the condition in which we now find ourselves — or in which the schools find themselves — this is a sound argument. If there is to be any hope of improving the education offered by state schools, then teaching must be something more than crowd-control. As the general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, Nigel de Gruchy, has said, disruptive pupils are the biggest barrier to raising standards.

So, reasonably enough within their own terms, headteachers more than doubled the number of expulsions last year. Which will have produced a great many sighs of relief from beleaguered classmates and their worried parents. But where exactly does this leave us? Presumably with a lot of alienated, and now uneducated, young thugs hanging around the streets, their attitude being a lethal mix of adolescent pride at having been bad enough to have been thrown out, and embittered isolation from the social milieu of school. What is to become of these pariahs, whose behaviour was already virtually uncontrollable, when they are left to their own devices? Delight at having peace in your child's school might be shortlived if you have to cope with a local army of footloose delinquents who now don't even need to truant.

Which is why the Department for Education has appealed to heads to expel pupils only as a last resort. For the sake of the community at large, the Government would prefer fledgling yobs to be contained at school, which at least offers some distractions from ram-raiding. But the schools cannot cope, and now that their academic achievements are being exposed to scrutiny, they see no reason why their performance should be subverted by a small minority of pupils.

So the buck is being passed from one set of adults to another, all of them cowering in hopeless terror before a small number of what are, after all, *children*. How has it come to this?

There have always been bad — even violent — boys. I remember them sitting at the back of the class in school, sniggering and heckling, punching each other and throwing things whenever the teacher's back was turned. Their behaviour was only prevented from becoming dangerous by the atmosphere of authority. With a weak teacher, they ran amok. With a strong one, they were kept within bounds. But the prevailing ethos in school and of the grown-up world generally was such that adolescent anarchy did not often get the upper hand.

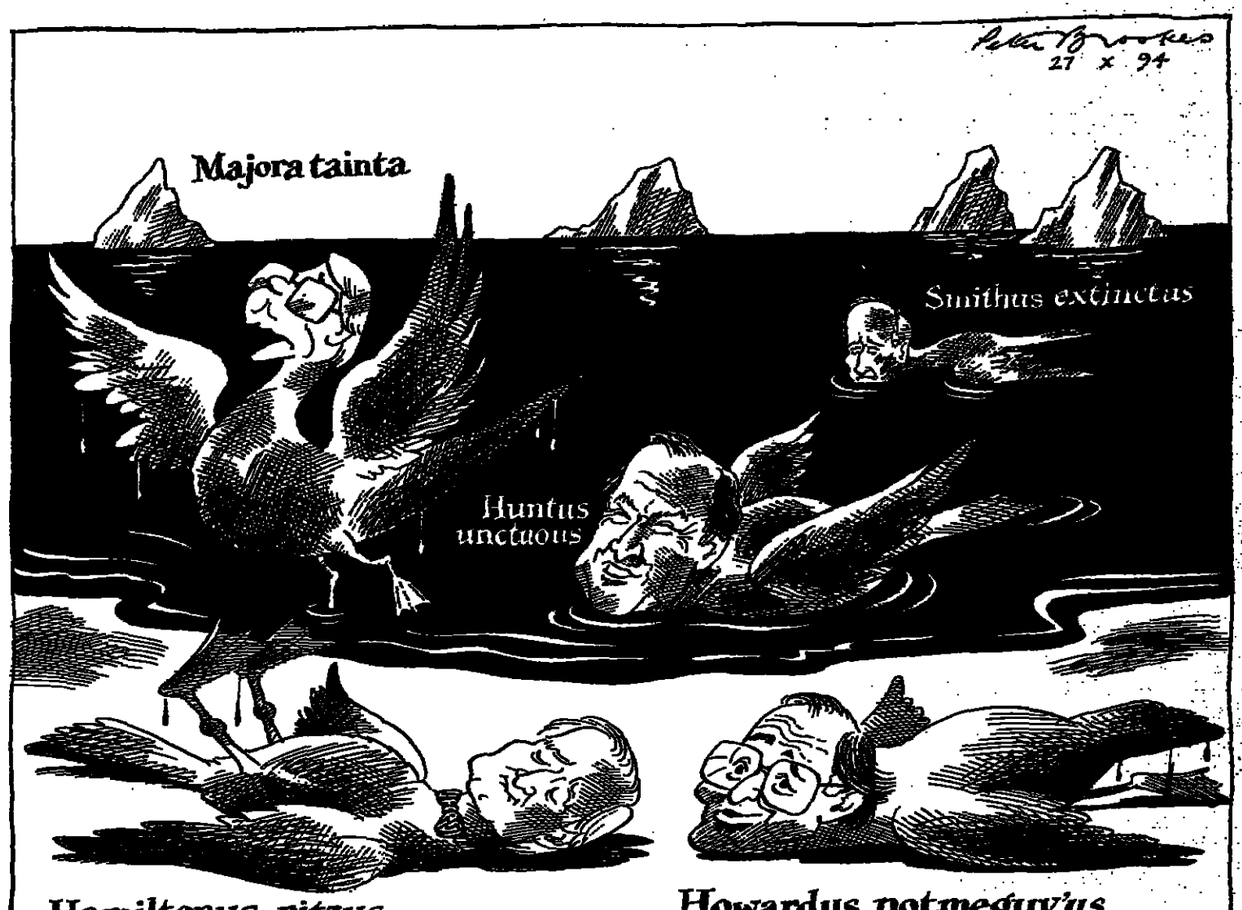
If normal (and I use that word advisedly) childish aggressions have run out of control, it is because the adult world has permitted them to. Schools which find themselves excluding unmanageable pupils are reaping the results of an educational philosophy which deliberately dismantled all the structures of classroom authority. Even the physical arrangements of modern primary schools — where it all begins — make it impossible for a teacher to control classroom behaviour. She must have her back turned on half of the class for much of the time.

> Children must learn some social inhibitions in class

The revolution in teaching was all of a piece with the fashion for overthrowing "repressive" social inhibitions. But adults can indulge in this experiment without lasting damage. Try it out on children and they miss their only chance to learn self-discipline. Those who have other resources at home will cope. But some will be utterly deranged by classrooms in which they do not learn to sit still or to remain quiet or to give their undivided attention to a single speaker.

But it may not be too late to regain our nerve. A broadcasting colleague of mine was at a public event recently when a group of teenage boys recognised him. They followed him around, hooting defiantly and chanting his name. After a quarter of an hour of this, he turned round and said, "You are being a bloody nuisance. Why don't you grow up?" To his astonishment, the leader stopped in his tracks, said "I'm sorry, sir", and led his gang away.

I think it's the word "sir" that I find most poignant.



978 days and counting

A billion Chinese must come up with the goods to keep Hong Kong in business

There can be no place in the world with the same feeling of unlimited potential as Hong Kong. The economic performance is outstanding. The standard of living is higher than that of the United Kingdom. The combination of Chinese determination and energy with British law and government has produced outstanding results, with great benefits for Britain and China. In its potential, Hong Kong is the most exciting city on earth. Yet it is, and always has been, a city of moods, where the swing from exhilaration to anxiety can be very rapid. Last weekend I found Hong Kong in a new phase of anxiety.

The countdown of the last 1,000 days of British rule in Hong Kong began on October 4; today there are only 978 days left to run. When the Joint Declaration of 1984 was signed, the transfer of power to China could be regarded as a long-term matter, particularly in a City changing and growing as rapidly as Hong Kong. After Tiananmen Square in June 1989, the handover became a matter of the medium term, still eight years away. It is now a matter of the short term. Inevitably, this has changed the mood of the people.

Not unreasonably, the people of Hong Kong are increasingly nervous, and they are receiving few reassurances from the Chinese side. Most of those who are seriously considering leaving in 1997 have already made their arrangements; they have their passports and, in many cases, their residences abroad. A year ago, most of them seemed to regard these as precautionary arrangements, not as a final decision. Now the mood is swinging, at least to taking the precautions more seriously. And those not rich enough to have made such standby arrangements are beginning to make fresh inquiries. The future efficiency of Hong Kong under Chinese rule depends on the group of middle managers, civil servants and police. These are the people now questioning their future.

Periods of anxiety of this sort were inevitable: a process as revolutionary in its implications as transferring Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty was always bound to have its black weeks, and there will be more of them in the next 978 days. Yet the Chinese have added to this mood of concern, partly by their tough stance on the issues of the handover, but even more by their own problems. Viewed from Hong Kong, the future of China looks totally unpredictable, economically and politically. Nobody knows who will be leading China in 1997.

While the old Emperor lives, nobody can tell who will eventually emerge as his successor. China-watchers will hesitate even to give a shortlist of names. The Chinese government maintains that the post-Deng regime is already in place, that nothing will change on his death. Few people in Hong Kong believe that. Optimists hope for a strong but modern Chinese government — they do not look for an overthrow of the regime, or anything of that kind; pessimists fear a government which will become more repressive because it is overwhelmed by China's social difficulties.

William Rees-Mogg

Most people in Hong Kong admire the rapid expansion of China's economy. They take pride in China. Their own prosperity is based on it and Hong Kong businesses invest massively in China (Hong Kong accounts for about two-thirds of foreign investment into China). But many people in Hong Kong, as well as many in Peking, worry that this phenomenal expansion may be running away with itself.

The Chinese Ministry of Internal Trade reported this week that Chinese bank-lending on fixed assets in the second half of the year would be double that of the first half. The official magazine *China Securities* criticised the central bank for failing to control this lending. These are unsustainable rates of credit expansion: if they worry the Chinese authorities, they also worry Hong Kong. With this apparently unstoppable expansion of credit, there has been a rise in inflation, not to the levels of Russia or the old Brazil, but to around 30 per cent, and to perhaps 50 per cent on basic foods in the big cities. The endemic Chinese disease of corruption has certainly become much worse. Hong Kong's businessmen have worried for a long time that after 1997 the island's relative freedom from corruption and security of legal contract might be threatened. It will be.

In 1984, the Chinese undoubtedly intended to achieve an orderly and confident transfer of power. The change of mood came not in 1992, with the appointment of Governor Patten, but in 1989, with the events in Tiananmen Square, when 2 million Hong Kong people took to the streets in protest at the suppression of the democratic movement. Some people criticise Chris Patten as though Chinese policy were driven by personal relations with him rather than by events in China. That is a mistake.

The Chinese government acts as it does for substantial reasons of domestic policy. Since Tiananmen Square, the regime has been afraid of democracy and suspicious of Hong Kong. The Chinese are much more anxious about the people, who will remain, than about the Governor, who will leave. The Chinese government is determined not to allow the virus of Hong Kong democracy to infect China, and seems prepared to risk the potential benefits of a confident handover in order to prevent that.

Inevitably, each day that passes sees power slip from British into Chinese hands. The Chinese have announced that they are going to appoint their own Legislative Council six months before the handover. This seems to be in breach of the Joint Declaration of 1984, and makes it quite clear that China does not intend to have a "through train" for the old system, in terms of either people or laws. The new Council would initially be wholly appointed, and in no way democratic.

In Britain we tend to think that the problem of our relations with China are unique, that we are alone in having difficulties. In fact, the Chinese government is difficult for anybody to deal with, because China is going through an explosive experiment with a billion people, as almost everyone in Hong Kong understands. China has hyper-suspicious relations with her main international partners, with Britain indeed, but also with the United States, with Russian and with Japan, the natural Asian partner in investment and technology. The French were temporarily put in the doghouse for selling military aircraft to Taiwan; the Japanese have joined them there because the Japanese Minister of Trade has met his Taiwanese counterpart. There is now increasing trade between China and Taiwan, but that has not stopped the Chinese government saying this one meeting could seriously undermine the Sino-Japanese relationship.

Neither the British Government nor the Governor nor the Hong Kong people have the ability to change or even greatly to influence Chinese policy. The scale and pace of what is happening makes our own affairs look quite trivial. A hundred million Chinese workers are looking for jobs; according to Chinese sources, 250 million new jobs have to be created by the year 2000; the economy is doubling in size every six years, but even that may not be enough.

These economic changes will transform Chinese society and government. The Communist regime will have to adapt, but is divided both by political differences and, of course, by personal ambitions. One should note the recent warning in *The People's Daily* that "if disturbances arise in China, it will be within the party". That suggests that a purge of the party itself may be contemplated. Chinese power struggles are hard-fought and make the battles at Westminster look like a tea party.

Hong Kong's future depends on the ability of the Chinese economy to generate enough jobs to employ more than a billion people, and enough wealth to raise their standard of living. If the Chinese economy fails in either respect, the social and political consequences will be repressive and divisive. Yet, if the fate of Hong Kong depends on China, the fate of China also depends on Hong Kong, the great channel for exports, the promoter of Western technology, the focus of a large part of China's modernisation, the source of so much capital.

My own view is that the forces of Asian expansion, which are now very powerful, will overcome even these difficulties. I was more convinced by the mood of optimism of last year than by the anxiety of 1994. But it is a battle, and the outcome is not predordained. The one certainty is that China and Hong Kong will prosper or fail together. The marriage is indissoluble, "for better for worse, for richer for poorer".

Eco-plans are not so simple

Paul Barker is sceptical about the Green blueprint

Saint Augustine's famous prayer before he plunged into saintliness — "Give me chastity and continency, but do not give it yet" — is the motto to which most of us conform when we are presented with the moral demands of the Green lobby. We make marginal gestures, but we take care not to look too deep.

We take some of our debris to the bottle bank, and feel warm about it. We ignore the mutterings of the purists who complain that we are (mostly) driving in our cars with the bottles, and so using petrol, a non-renewable fuel. We turn an even deafer ear to the yet more irritating arguments of the eco-critic Anna Bramwell, who notes that you can hardly claim that the main ingredient in glass — sand — is in short supply, and that it takes more energy to recycle old glass than to make the stuff from new.

These fig-leaf gestures towards environmental chastity scarcely conceal the fact that, year on year, our lives become ever more lavish. The latest report of the standing Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution is, among other things, an invaluable compendium of the way we live now, with the huge growth in personal mobility, the reshaping of towns by the all-pervading power of the car, the rise of the new "shopping cities", the diffusion of jobs to sites near the great motorway junctions.

But mainly this report is destined to be a bible, all 325 pages of it, for Green puritans. Like John Knox, it has a message that can be put very simply: "Whatever you're doing, stop it, for fear of damnation." For "damnation", in the irreligious late 20th century, read "pollution". It is an onslaught against the monstrous regiment of car owners.

It is inconvenient, of course, that the fastest growth in car ownership is in second cars, which are the way for women to combine paid work, dashing to the shops and getting the children to and from school. I know that men should be doing a bigger share. But the right way to bring about social improvement is not, for example, to impede women's freedom in the hope that men will turn over a new leaf. It is to go gently, by persuasion and by gradual, sustained pressures.

There are various arguments for making petrol dearer, but if this forces manufacturers — as the commission hopes — to make the internal combustion engine correspondingly more efficient, it will hardly reduce car journeys, which is one of the report's main aims. The higher price will be offset by lower consumption. Too many Green arguments, all here in chapter and verse, turn out to resemble *Pilgrim's Progress*, but without any real hope of ever reaching the celestial gates. You'll never get to Heaven in an old Ford car.

Yes, public transport should be improved, especially transport in and out of big cities. But doubling the number of people and the amount of freight going by rail would not even mop up the expected rise in journeys, let alone cut them down. Yes it's worth thinking about road-pricing — and then putting the thought back on the shelf. If city car-driving becomes dearer, even more jobs, homes and stores will settle outside the old boundaries.

Beware of anyone who, like Casaubon in *Middlemarch*, tries to come up with a single key to everything. For much of this century, planners have been obsessed with trying to decant people away from the evils of city life. It turned out, eventually, that it was better to improve the city, instead of knocking large tracts of it down.

Now the fashion has swung around, and planners are trying to save people from the perils of living on the city fringes, or even (liberated by the car) in the depths of the countryside, where very few nowadays get a penny of their living from agriculture.

One of the oddest things in the new report is its opening quotation from Adam Smith. It seems that he thought it would be wonderful if 18th-century roads could be straightened out (Napoleon had much the same idea). Crops could then be grown on the land saved by eliminating the bends. But how relevant is this to an era of surpluses under the common agricultural policy? Better, perhaps, to use the land for a bypass.

In the same airy way, in its many ruminations on public transport, the report never mentions that we have just had a strike which set the reputation of railways back by 20 years. It is like discussing the decline of coal without mentioning Arthur Scargill. Cars may get stuck in jams, but they seldom go on strike.

It is far easier to step away from such untidy human details and raise one's eyes unto the Green hills and an overall transport strategy "sustainable for as far ahead as we can foresee". The late Karl Popper said that the only way forward, socially, lay in avoiding grand plans. Better to study what has emerged from the accumulation of people's individual decisions, and make any necessary small adjustments in line with those choices. Amen.

Outside Bath

AN UNPRECEDENTED chance to get close to the Marquess of Bath and his harem of wifelets is on offer in Wiltshire. The pony-tailed peer is offering leases on five run-down cottages at his Longleat estate for £8 a week.

His estate managers insist that far from being an altruistic gesture to accommodate the New Age unwashed, the move is based on sound financial principles. They also say that cottages on the estate have never before been offered on long leases.

"It is an opportunity to live in a traditional estate village. We've never done anything like this, but it is a way of helping to maintain the properties," says James Perks, the assistant estate manager.

Maintenance is the key. All of the cottages in the village of Horningsham, which boasts an excellent pub in the Bath Arms, are in a terrible state, and the lease terms demand that anyone who rents one does it up. And the cheapest repair *bill* — for a two-bedroom cottage — might just squeeze in below five figures.

The marquess, the wifelets and his latest creation — a maze called the Labyrinth of Love, with clipped yew hedges leaving little to the imagination — are proving irresistible. Offers are flooding in.

Foot soldiers

JOHN MAJOR appears to be heeding the Royal Commission's warning on the evils of the motor car. Along with other Cabinet members, he has taken to walking.

Not only has he started meandering through St James's Park to the north of Downing Street (where he was spotted yesterday watching the ducks with Chris Patten), but he has started walking from No 10 to the Commons for *Prime Minister's questions*, accompanied by a crocodile of officials and detectives.

A pedestrian Prime Minister would have been unthinkable in Margaret Thatcher's day, but Major's Cabinet is following his lead. Brian Mawhinney strides to the House from his Transport Department, and Gillian Shephard marches briskly from Education. "She wears sensible flat shoes and carries her others in a bag," explains her political adviser.



● *Talk in political circles is of a young high-flyer called Blair with an enviable academic record at Oxford and an intense interest in Labour's tactics. Not Tony but David, 21 and a devout Tory, who has just been appointed to Conservative Central Office to monitor the Labour Party.*

Ducking out

GEORGE WALKER, acquitted this week of theft and false accounting, is fleeing the country after the sordid business of his trial. The former boxer is taking a weekend break to Euro Disney with his wife Jean and his grandchildren, the Marquess of Milford Haven's four-year-old, Tatiana, and Harry, who is three.

A 'flu jab on the morning of his acquittal knocked him out temporarily, but he has bounced off the ropes and is looking forward to Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. "It will make a change from the fantasy world of the people who brought the case," he says.

Pointyheads

AFTER the European Union's ludicrous onslaught against bendy bananas and cucumbers, citrus fanatics are hitting back. They are launching National Lemon Day next month to fight meddlesome Eurocrats and to defend the fruit.

"The EC official journal has imposed eight separate size categories and four different quality classifications on the lemon," cries an organiser. "What has the humble lemon done to deserve it?" Eurosceptic MP Bill Cash is all for the day of action, which kicks off with a lemon breakfast. "This directive leaves a bitter taste in the mouth," he says. "It is quite typical of the absurdity of the EC."

● *Ironic perhaps that with Neil Hamilton's departure, the Government has lost one of its best impersonators of Enoch Powell, the MP who steadfastly refused to declare anything in the register of members' interests.*

Not granted

THE PREPOSTEROUS planetary pundit Russell Grant is itching to get his hands on Tony Blair's details so that he can read his star-sign to best effect. Most of all, he needs to know the exact time of day Blair was born.

Grant made his interest known to Blair's spokesman, Alastair Campbell, when Blair appeared on the Richard Littlejohn television show this week. "Campbell was watching Blair's interview when Grant squeezed into the tiny Green Room and bore down demanding to know Blair's time of birth, what planet he was born in and all sorts of mumbo-jumbo," says my snout. "Campbell looked astonished and said he couldn't help."


Voted down: Grant

We are left with a ready reckoner from Grant. "The year 1996 will be very favourable for Tony, with 1997 also very good. There will be a lot of movement, very good for moving house. That seems to dovetail with John Major's horoscope. I said he would win the leadership and the last election, but he won't win the next election."

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TO STAND FOR PRINCIPLE

The Nolan committee must consider its own long-term role

No task facing Lord Nolan's committee on standards in public life will be as demanding as the process of self-definition. The Prime Minister has already asked the inquiry to produce new rules of conduct for politicians, civil servants, members of quangos and local councillors. That remit is daunting enough. But the new standing committee must also ask what constitutional function it envisages for itself.

As a well regarded Lord Justice of Appeal, Lord Nolan ought to be a suitable head for the inquiry; his meeting with the Prime Minister and letters to Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown should help him select a preliminary group of members. The committee will be expected to draw up a comprehensive ethical code for those involved in government within six months. It will have to consider the new parliamentary culture of consultancy fees and lobbyists. It must ask whether the taming of local government in the 1980s and the corresponding growth of quangos has corrupted standards in public life. It should judge whether the devolution of authority from Whitehall to the chief executives of Next Steps agencies has undermined Civil Service accountability.

Ethical and technical questions of this kind will occupy the committee for the first months of its existence. It will perform a quasi-legislative function, laying down ethical guidelines for a body politic that has undergone radical change. In the course of this investigation, the committee should also ask whether it ought to seek an additional, quasi-judicial function as a tribunal of investigation into cases such as the so-called "cash-for-questions" scandal.

Expanding the Nolan committee's role in this way would involve considerable problems. Its brief would move from the general to the particular. Drawing ethical lessons about government from precedent and observation is one thing; judging the truth of allegations in particular cases would be quite another. The lifespan of the committee would also become a more sensitive question. Should it acquire the characteristics of a tribunal, it would probably need Parliament's approval, renewed at predetermined intervals.

Before giving such approval, MPs would have to consider whether public confidence in the political process would be best restored and maintained by the existence of a committee carrying out a string of public investigations into the abuse of power. Finally, it would have to be decided whether the tribunal should be able to initiate investigations — thus becoming prosecutor and judge — or whether it should wait for referral by the Prime Minister.

This is new and unfamiliar constitutional territory. But it is terrain that must now be explored. The growing demand for open government and transparency in public life has created a corresponding demand for efficient public investigation of allegations which affect the way we are governed. Lord Justice Scott's arms-for-Iraq investigation was unique only in the sense that its scope was tailored to the problem it addressed. This form of tribunal — investigative but without sentencing powers — may become increasingly common as government becomes more complex and the public's need for reassurance grows. Like judicial review, such a constitutional development would have both benefits and drawbacks. Yet the political fiasco of the past week has shown how inadequate the existing systems of investigation have become. A mature parliamentary democracy should expect more in public life than a frenzy of claim and counter-claim.

A DAMASCENE CONVERSION

Will Clinton deliver where so many have failed?

At a ceremony which was as flamboyant as it was emotional, Israel and Jordan yesterday concluded their formal peace. By the treaty's terms, the Jewish state and the Hashemite kingdom pledge to respect not only each other's sovereignty, but also that of "every state in the region", committing themselves to the achievement of "a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East". President Assad of Syria must be a troubled man. After boasting for nearly a quarter of a century that there would never be peace in his neighbourhood without him, there is now a considerable amount of peace without Syria.

The agreement came about through the vision shared between Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, his Foreign Minister, and King Husain. Their formal peace is warm because it has evolved from a watchful — but not ill-tempered — modus vivendi. Mr Assad, on the other hand, is unfamiliar with peace: and on the very rare occasions when he has been known to speak its language, he has done so most ungrammatically.

The obvious pleasure taken in the proceedings by President Clinton served to mask an awkward American position. America's role in the conclusion of yesterday's accord was a muted one. Mr Clinton will travel to Damascus today and will no doubt inform Mr Assad, who assumed power in 1970, and who has outlasted five American presidents, that he now has no option but to commit himself to a "peace of the brave" with Israel. Diplomatic actuaries calculate that Syria and Israel have spent over six hundred hours since 1991 in "talks about talks", which have barely evolved beyond the procedural stage. Mr Assad must be made to understand that it is sterile to persevere with a blueprint in which Syria makes only demands, Israel only concessions. Can Mr Clinton succeed where so many have failed?

Syria is in danger of squandering its best chance — far better than it merits — for an equitable solution to the Golan Heights dispute. Mr Rabin is willing to negotiate in good faith over the Golan; the leader of the Israeli opposition, Benjamin Netanyahu, regards the return of the Golan as unthinkable. Mr Assad described the leasing arrangements set out in the Israel-Jordan treaty as "blasphemy"; Mr Netanyahu's party regards a Syrian Golan with equal distaste. Mr Assad ought to be able to grasp the point of concluding an agreement before the Israeli elections in 1996.

That is the year, also, of the American presidential elections. The odds, as seen at present, are against a Clinton victory: his weakness, perceived as clearly in Damascus as it is in Washington, is here the American President's strength. Mr Assad will have calculated that a Republican Administration after 1996 (allied to the possibility of a Likud government in Israel) could not serve his interests better than the players with whom he must now deal.

In the fragile circumstances which prevail, the likely effect of the recent intervention by the UN Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros Ghali, could be to prejudice negotiations between Israel and Syria. In an ill-advised statement, issued on the eve of Mr Clinton's visit, Dr Boutros Ghali said that "Israel must return the Golan to Syria". He was egregiously silent on the conditions which Damascus must fulfil in order for Israael to agree to such transfer. It may have escaped the Secretary-General's notice that the decision is not Mr Rabin's alone. The Israeli Prime Minister has committed himself to a referendum. That is a referendum which Mr Assad, too, will have to win.

ARCTIC WASTE

The Russian oil spill is a characteristic Russian scandal

The giant pool of oil in the frozen Russian north is doubly alarming. Not only does it threaten the Arctic, one of the world's most sensitive ecological systems, with incalculable long-term damage; it also reveals unconscionable complacency by the Russian government to catastrophic accidents that threaten its neighbours as well as its own population. Seven years after Chernobyl, and despite frequent Russian protestations that they have learnt the lessons of glasnost, this accident was revealed only by the suspicions of American scientists engaged in oil exploration in the region.

Russia's environmental record is grim. Only now is the full extent of the Communists' crimes against the country coming to light: the Aral Sea shrunk to a fraction of its size, tracts of the country blasted by atomic testing or nuclear accidents, ships sunk off the Arctic coast leaking radioactive waste. The cavalier attitude to the land has origins in Russia's size — there was never much need to worry about despoiling the empty steppes and tundra as the few inhabitants could always move elsewhere. But this frame of mind was reinforced by Marxist ideology: natural resources had no intrinsic value except the cost of the labour to exploit them.

Russia's post-Communist government is peopled by bureaucrats who still refuse to admit the seriousness of what a polluting and decaying industry is now doing to the country. Luckily the Russian press and the environmental movement has raised the alarm, and has begun to generate support for tougher laws and penalties for polluters. But still, as *Izvestia* snarled yesterday, the whistle was blown not by Russians but by outsiders. Only then, grudgingly, did the government admit a problem.

Russia's Nordic neighbours have long complained that the country's environmental record now poses a bigger threat to their security than any military concentration. One ageing nickel plant close to the Norwegian border puts out more sulphur pollution each year than all Scandinavia; yet still nothing is done to close or clean it. The Nordic countries do not have the political weight or resources to force a change. Only America has the satellite technology to give early warning of environmental disaster. Yet in this case the American government has been curiously silent.

One explanation is that Washington was loath to publicise any information gleaned by satellite observation because this would reveal the continuing extent of American monitoring of Russian territory. Another is that President Clinton, in an attempt to forge a warmer relationship with President Yeltsin, was reluctant to embarrass him in public. Either way, the decision is misguided. The Russians, desperate for cash from oil exports, have skimped on safety and maintenance in Siberia. But environmental irresponsibility, as Chernobyl showed, is not an internal Russian affair.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Options for the Nolan committee

From Lord Jakobovits

Sir, The national consensus will no doubt endorse the Prime Minister's conclusion that effective government demands unqualified confidence in the probity of public office-holders, and his decision to establish a standing committee of inquiry to investigate and guide standards in public life will be widely acclaimed.

But confidence is not enough. At least equally vital for effective government in a democracy is public respect for national leaders. This has lately been disastrously eroded by the scandalous impunity with which those serving the nation — from royalty and Church leaders to government ministers and parliamentarians — can be maligned and driven out of office by unsubstantiated charges, in breach of the basic moral and juridical rule that one is innocent until proven guilty.

The more exacting standards of behaviour demanded of high office holders should, conversely, entitle them to extra safeguards to preserve their dignity and their freedom from vexatious harassment.

It is therefore to be hoped that the remit of the new committee will include the consideration of measures to enhance the esteem for national leaders and to shield them from irresponsible defamation or speculation unsupported by proven facts.

Yours sincerely,
JAKOBOVITS,
House of Lords.
October 26.

From Mrs Teresa Gorman, MP for Billericay (Conservative)

Sir, Before Parliament disappears in a fog of humbug and hypocrisy we should remind ourselves that Parliament exists to be lobbied by all sections of the community, trade unions, charities and businesses alike.

The Nolan committee must not be pushed into hedging round the institution with rules which would preclude it from carrying out this vital function. Or recommending full-time nine-to-five MPs relying solely on the payroll for their income, without up-to-date experience working in the real world outside. Warts and all, it's still the best institution so far devised for conducting the national debate.

Yours truly,
TERESA GORMAN,
House of Commons.
October 25.

From Mr Oscar Beuselinck

Sir, Perhaps in view of the Prime Minister's concern about standards of conduct he should ask Lord Nolan to consider whether the proposals in the Government Civil Service White Paper to introduce a "business culture" into the Civil Service are appropriate.

Incidentally, does the Prime Minister's statement of no past impropriety mean that Mr Hamilton's thousands of pounds' worth of Ritz hospitality is deemed acceptable for MPs? Is kind OK as distinct from cash? The Inland Revenue has hardly ever made any such distinction.

Yours faithfully,
OSCAR A. BEUSELINCK,
1 Old Burlington Street, W1.
October 26.

From Mr David Banks

Sir, Whenever the British press finds itself accused of misdemeanour MPs are quick to point out that newspaper self-regulation doesn't work and that press ethics should be governed by force of law and an independent body.

Might they, in their latest sleazy embarrassment, not take their own advice? A permanent independent committee of inquiry should be drawn not from the ranks of Lords and Commons but from decent, honest people from all walks of life and headed by an independent chairperson who would show neither fear nor favour.

I nominate Mr Kelvin MacKenzie.

Yours faithfully,
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(Editorial Director),
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MPs' outside interests

From Mr John Dessauer

Sir, Andrew Rowe, MP ("Why can't MPs have another life?", October 25), states: "In any other walk of life, what people do in their spare time is their own business . . ." Were it but so.

The Home Office will not allow probation officers, of whom I am one, to sit, unpaid, on the management committees of voluntary organisations, such as housing or educational trusts, where that organisation receives any degree of financial support from the Home Office. The fact that the probation officer sits on the committee in his own time and in his own right seems to matter not a whit. Conflict of interest is the reason given.

Given the concerns expressed by Andrew Rowe this is an issue he may care to take up.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DESSAUER,
84 Buckingham Road,
South Woodford, E18.

From Mr R. G. McIntosh

Sir, I am employed in the investment world and among the conditions of that employment are clauses which clearly state that for ethical and business reasons I cannot take any other form of paid employment without my employer's consent. Furthermore my personal investment activities are also carefully controlled, monitored and indeed restricted.

These terms are not unique to my company and are what any professional may expect in today's world. Perhaps it is time for our members of Parliament to realise that they too are expected to be professionals and conduct themselves accordingly.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN McINTOSH,
31 Hackets Lane,
Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.
October 25.

From Mr Philip Alsop

Sir, If I employed someone on an annual salary of £31,687 and generous expenses I would not expect him or her to have time to work for other organisations, let alone spend long periods away from the office without accountability. A four-month summer vacation would be unthinkable.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP ALSOP,
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High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
October 25.

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The Conservative record on growth

From Mr Andrew Smith, MP for Oxford East (Labour)

Sir, The claims made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the Conservatives' record on growth (letter, October 21) are contradicted by the realities facing British business as well as by statistics.

The key finding of the World Bank's study of East Asia, to which Mr Clarke refers, is that investment — in industry, education and infrastructure — is the key to economic growth. The East Asian economies invest, on average, over 35 per cent of their gross domestic product. The UK, by contrast, invested less than 17 per cent in the 1980s, lower than in any other G7 country. Not surprisingly, the UK has also had the slowest average growth rate in the G7 since 1979.

But, as Janet Bush has pointed out ("Brown's theory of economic growth is just common sense", October 19) these low levels of investment and growth are the direct result of the Government's unwillingness to recognise the importance of government action to encourage investment. For the East Asian report is also clear that good government intervention can make a substantial difference to an economy's growth performance. This is also the underlying insight of the new "endogenous growth" theories, described by Janet Bush.

How depressing then that Mr Clarke, rather than admitting the intellectual failures of crude free market dogma, prefers instead to fiddle with figures, and period comparisons, while trying to blame the last Labour Government for the Conservatives' miserable performance.

The Chancellor cannot deny that since 1979, the economy has grown by a mere 1.7 per cent a year, the slowest 15-year average since the Second World War. But when he tries to pretend that ten-year comparisons are more favourable for the Government, he fails to reveal that the Treasury's own projections for the 1990s, published in last year's Red Book and updated in the summer forecast, imply a lower rate of growth in the ten years to 1998 of only 1.6 per cent.

As for five-year comparisons, the Chancellor would prefer to focus on short-lived booms. But again, he cannot conceal the fact that the last five years have been the worst for growth since 1945, with growth averaging a mere 0.5 per cent.

In short, Mr Clarke can run but he cannot hide from the facts. The growth performance of the British economy has been miserable since 1979, however measured. Only Labour is taking seriously the new growth theories which clearly show that active government to encourage new investment is the only way to reverse Britain's relative decline.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW SMITH
(Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury),
House of Commons.
October 24.

Efficiency and Cathedral finances

From Lady Howe, Chairman, The Archbishops' Commission on Cathedrals

Sir, Mr Richard Cross (letter, October 18) seems singularly to have misunderstood the report of the Archbishops' Commission on Cathedrals.

The commission was set up in 1992 — at the request of the cathedrals themselves — precisely because these historic foundations were not always working as effectively as they could. Its survey of cathedral finances, the first to be undertaken in such depth, found that those finances were not at all comfortable.

Even including, as Mr Cross would wish, the benefit of appeals and legacies, cathedrals divide almost equally between those in surplus and those in deficit. Hence the commission's proposals — already being followed up by cathedrals — for improving financial planning and management. This is not for the sake of conformity with modern business theory but simply to ensure that cathedrals are better placed to fulfil their Christian mission.

Far from seeking to assert control by bishops over cathedrals, the report emphasises the interdependence of cathedrals and dioceses. It underlines the independence of deans and chapters in the management of cathedrals, but sets this within a new framework of accountability to a greater council chaired by the diocesan bishop (who, it might be thought reasonable, should have some say in his own cathedral).

Far from introducing centralisation or uniformity, the commission's proposals seek merely to eliminate historical anomalies and limitations and to provide a simpler, more flexible and helpful framework within which the diversity of cathedrals can be recognised and they can be assisted to meet the demands of today.

A greater council of up to 24 people meeting twice a year hardly marks a wholesale assault by Mr Cross's "chattering committee types", particularly as the 14 parish church cathedrals (those with provosts rather than deans) already have a council which meets more frequently. Its members will bring additional resources to bear in fulfilling the mission of the cathedral rather than being a drain upon it. And many cathedrals already have lay administrators (though I have not observed them driving round in cars other than their own).

Dr Eric Leigh, in his letter on the same day, fears that in urging "a musical and liturgical rapprochement between the cathedral and the rest of the diocese" the report will undermine present standards of cathedral music. The commission commended the high standard of that music and makes recommendations on how it can be maintained and the marvellous resource which it represents be shared with the whole diocese. Can it be wrong to wish to see that resource made more accessible to parishes?

The Cathedrals Commission has sought to preserve the inheritance of these great national treasures, whilst putting the best of contemporary experience in the running of large institutions at their disposal. No wonder that the dominant note in responses to the report so far has been one of welcome rather than of alarm.

Yours sincerely,
ELSPETH HOWE, Chairman,
The Archbishops' Commission on Cathedrals,
c/o 1 Millbank, SW1.
October 20.

Drugs education

From Mr Fred Naylor and Mr Nick Seaton

Sir, Government proposals to introduce a new type of drugs education into schools, which aims to inform children of the facts and risks, instead of the previous shock tactics (report, October 20), typify this administration's inability to make sensible decisions based on reliable evidence.

Even a moment's thought about the prevalence of drug abuse in America should indicate that this is the last place to use as a model. There is a great deal of evidence to show that drugs education programmes are of doubtful value, despite their huge financial cost.

Having just promised a period of stability in schools, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, and her colleagues should perhaps consider whether it is logical to burden primary schools with yet another "socialisation" programme. With only so much time in the school day, should not pupils go to school just to learn academic subjects?

Does it make sense, moreover, for a Conservative Government to offer choice about drugs to immature children, while at the same time denying choice to parents who seek a grammar school education for their offspring?

Perhaps Mrs Shephard could make clear whether she is a true Conservative or an educational "progressive".

Yours faithfully,
FRED NAYLOR
(Honorary Secretary, Parental Alliance for Choice in Education),
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Rail safety

From Eur Ing Francis O. J. Otway

Sir, Safety on our railways is clearly a matter of concern to the public and all rail travellers. But is the obsession by the media, the Government, the public and the Central Rail Users Consultative Committee with Automatic Train Protection either realistic or sensible? It gives the impression of hysteria.

Every collision is a tragedy. But ATP will be expensive and has yet to be fully developed. Will its development and installation be good use of what money is available for investment by our railways?

There is nothing inherently unsafe about single-track railways. Our local main line was singled between Swindon and Kemble over 20 years ago. I have no anxieties when travelling along it at 90mph and, as far as I know, nor do other travellers. The main line from Perth to Inverness has always had considerable stretches of single line and nowadays trains travel along some parts of it at 100mph.

The procedures used on single lines normally ensure complete safety. These procedures have changed over the years but are no less safe.

The collision at Cowden (report, October 17) was presumably either due to equipment malfunction or failure, or to human error, or possibly some combination of these. It is important for the investigations to determine as soon as possible what was the cause. What actions have to be taken must await the outcome. Until the investigators report, let us have some calmness.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS O. J. OTWAY,
Corvara, Cotswold Mead,
Painswick, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Electronic information

From Mr Martin White

Sir, Your third leader of October 18, "The future for books", did a valuable service in highlighting the importance of librarians in acting as an interface between the excellent (though often threatened) library resources of this country and those who would benefit from these resources.

However, attention also needs to be paid to those in business, government and in education who are starting to make use of the first generation of electronic information highways, such as the Internet. There seems to be a view that the more information we have access to, the better will be the decision that we make. This is often not the case, and the importance of using trained information professionals, be they librarians or information scientists, cannot be overstated.

Readers tend to evaluate a book by its publisher and author. Making a similar evaluation of an electronic database located thousands of miles away is a highly skilled task, and with tens of thousands of these to choose from, making the wrong choice could be highly damaging.

The majority of companies in this country do not make effective use of external information that could improve their competitive position. There is much that the Department of Trade and Industry and the Office of Arts and Libraries could do, working together with relevant professional organisations such as the Institute of Information Scientists, to highlight the benefits and problems of using electronic information sources.

Yours sincerely,
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Horsham, West Sussex.
October 19.

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Exposure to X-rays

From Dr Ian J. Dilworth

Sir, Dr J. R. Gayner (letter, October 21) writes of the dangers of multiple X-rays for medical patients. In dentistry there is unregulated use of X-rays. Current practice is that any dental X-rays taken are the property of the dentist. If one changes dentist (by necessity or by choice) these X-rays do not automatically go with the patient.

In these circumstances there is no record of when or how frequently such X-rays have been taken. Without written record it is all too easy for the patient to forget the chronology of X-ray investigation and there is a real danger of exceeding recommended maximum doses.

I highlighted this problem six years ago (letter, June 2, 1988). Since then to my knowledge no change in practice has occurred and it appears necessary for legislation to be imposed to give patients the right to access their dental records including X-rays.

Yours etc,
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October 22.

Burden of wealth

From Mr Jan Manning

Sir, You report (October 26) that the Lord Chancellor has ordered an urgent review of the payment of legal aid to "apparently wealthy individuals".

I can identify those individuals for him. They are called "solicitors" and "barristers". Some of the very wealthiest are called "QCs".

Yours faithfully,
JAN MANNING,
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October 26.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 26: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Thorneycroft (a former Cabinet Minister) which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, London SW1, today.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Sir Derek Hornby.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, was represented by Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Sir Alastair Aird at the Memorial Service for the Lord Thorneycroft which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, today.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 26: The Prince of Wales this evening gave a Reception for the Urban Villages Forum at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 26: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon opened Goring Hall Hospital, Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex (Major General Sir Philip Ward.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 26: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this evening attended a performance of "Chicago" by Theatre West 4 in aid of the Order of St John, Chiswick Town Hall, London W4.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 26: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited the Research and Development Laboratories, Fisons plc Pharmaceutical Division, Bakewell Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr Timothy Brooks).

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened a new factory extension and presented The Queen's Award for Technological Achievement, Dunn Systems Limited, Smisby Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning presented the British Telecommunications/ChildLine Awards for Services to Children, the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, Cadogan Place, London SW1.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a gala film première of 'Remembering Jacqueline du Pré', Claridge's, Brook Street, London W1.

Fiona, Lady Astor of Hever was in attendance.

Memorial service

Lord Thorneycroft, CH

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Viscount Boyne and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by Captain Sir Alastair Aird at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Thorneycroft, CH, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. The Duke of Kent was represented by Sir Derek Hornby, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent by Sir Peter Scott and Princess Alexandra by Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier.

Canon Donald Gray officiated, and the Rev Desmond Tillyer led the prayers. The Hon John Thorneycroft, son, read the lesson and the Hon Victoria Nathanson, daughter, read from the works of William Penn. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, gave an address.

Father Daniel Cronin, representing the Archbishop of Westminster, and Father Jean Charles-Roux were robed and in the Sanctuary.

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern attended. The Prime Minister was represented by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Speaker by Sir Terence Higgins, MP. The Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords and the Chairman of the Conservative Party attended. Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, was represented by Lord Aldington. Baroness Thatcher, OM, and Sir Denis Thatcher and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended. Among others present were:

Lady Thorneycroft (widow), the Hon Mrs John Thorneycroft (daughter-in-law), Mr Richard Nathanson (son-in-law), Miss Eleanor Thorneycroft, Mr Richard Thorneycroft and Daniel, Alexander and Susannah Nathanson (grandchildren), Count and Countess Roberti (stepson and stepdaughter-in-law), Countess Francesca Roberti Cozzo (stepdaughter), Miss Alessandra Roberti Cozzo (step-granddaughter), Mrs P R E Woodward, Mrs Vivien Wagstaff and Mrs Valerie Chute (sisters-in-law), Mrs Susan Reitman, Miss Tessa Reitman, Mrs Jonathan Hargreaves, Miss Alexandra Hargreaves, Mr and Mrs Dominic Hargreaves, Mr and Mrs Greville Vernon, Mr Richard Vernon, Mrs Sybilla Williams, Mrs Meriel Gray, Mr and Mrs W J B Thorneycroft, Mr and Mrs Alexander Thorneycroft, Mr Audley Archdale, Miss Margaret Archdale, Miss A V Archdale, Mr Christopher Woodward, Mrs Jennifer Perry, Mr Brian Perry, Mr John Wagstaff, Miss Vanessa Wagstaff, Mr Nigel Chute, Miss Rosalind Chute, Mrs Martine Biddle, Mr and Mrs Phillip Dann, Mr John Whalley, Miss Marietta Nathanson and other members of the family.

The Italian Ambassador and Countess Attolico and other members of the embassy; the Duke of Norfolk, KG, the Duchess of Portland, Mary Duchess of Roxburghe, the Countess of Avon, Mary Countess of Bessborough, Earl and Countess Jellicoe, Patricia Countess Jellicoe, the Earl and Countess of Lauderdale, the Countess of Lindsay, the Earl of Selkirk, KT, QC, and the Countess of Selkirk, Viscount Camrose, Viscountess Chelsea, Viscount and Viscountess Eccles, Viscount Davidson, Viscount Eccles, CH, and Viscountess Eccles, Earl Ferrers, Viscount Hambleden, Viscount and Viscountess Hood, Viscount Ingleby, Viscountess Norwich, Viscount Oxfuird, Viscount Ullswater, Viscount Watkinson, CH, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw.

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Lord Goold, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Gainford, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Lord Gibson-Watt, Lady Gordon-Walker, Lord and Lady Granville of Eye, Lord Grimthorpe, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG, CH, Lord Hartwell, Lord Hastings, Lord Hayhoe, Lord and Lady Holderness, Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, and Lady Howe, Lord and Lady Ingrow, Lord Jenkin of Roding, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, Lord and Lady Johnston of Rockport, Lord and Lady Killearn, Lord and Lady King of Wartnaby, Lord Lane of Horsell, Lord and Lady Lever of Manchester, Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, Baroness Macleod of Borve, Lady Marshall of Leeds, Lord Milne, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lord Moore of Lower Marsh, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord Mottistone, Lord Nelson of Stafford, Lord and Lady Northbourne, Lord Orr-Ewing, Lord and Lady Parkinson.

Lord and Lady Pender, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lord and Lady Plummer of St Marylebone, Lord and Lady Prior, Lord and Lady Pym, Lord Raglan, Baroness Rawlings, Lord Rees, QC, Lady Reigate, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, and Lady Rippon, Baroness Seccombe, Lord and Lady Shaw of Northstead, Lord Sherfield, Lord St John of Fawsley, Lady Soames, Lord Stodart of Leaston, Baroness Strange, Lord Strathclyde, Lord Swinfen, Lord Tebbit, CH, Lord Thomas of Gwydir, Baroness Trumpington, Lord Tugendhat, Lord Wade of Chorlton, Lady Wakeham, Lord Weatherill, Lord and Lady Weinstock, Lord Wilberforce, Lord and Lady Williams of Elvel, Lord and Lady Wolfson, Lord and Lady Wyatt of Weeford, Baroness Young, Lord and Lady Young of Graffham.

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Sir Francis and Lady Dashwood, Sir Anthony and Lady Meyer, Lady Sassoon, Sir Ronald Arculus, Sir Derick and Lady Ashe, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Andrew Bowden, MP, Sir Paul and Lady Bryan, Sir Alan Campbell, Sir Alcon Copisarow, Sir David Crouch, Sir John Dent (Pirelli Group) with other members of the group; Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir Anthony Durant, MP, Sir Jeremy Elwes, Sir Basil Feldman, Lady Fisher, Dame Margaret Fry, Lady Gage, Lady Gardner-Thorpe, Sir Anthony and Lady Garner, Sir Victor Goodhew, Sir Charles Hardie, Sir John Hoskyns, Sir Ralph Howell, MP, Sir John Lacy, Sir Ian and Lady Lewando, Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir Ronald McIntosh, Lady Mills.

Sir Hector Monro, MP, Sir Michael Neubert, MP, and Lady Neubert, Dame Shirley Oxenbury, Sir John Page, Sir Hugh Rossi, Lady Salomon, Lady Spearman, Sir Robert Speed, QC, Sir John Stokes, Sir Donald Stringer, Lady Tomkins, Sir William Van Straubenzee, Dame Joan Varley, Lady Villiers, Sir Michael Wheeler-Booth (Clerk of the Parliaments), Sir Paul and Lady Wright, Major-General Sir Brian Wyldbore-Smith, Mr Neil Elles and Baroness Elles, Mr Julian and Lady Caroline Faber, Mr David and Lady Pamela Hicks, Mr and the Hon Mrs Michael Allen-Buckley, Mr and the Hon Mrs Robert Burness, Mr Anthony and Dame Simone Prendergast, La Marquesa de Santa Cruz, Baron Vaes.

The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Air Vice-Marshal A J C Bagnall (representing the Chief of the Air Staff and the Air Force Board), Mr Michael Ancram, MP, and Mrs Ancram, Mr Robert Banks, MP, Mr A J Beale, Mr M L Brotherton, Mrs David Bune, Don and Donna Guiseppe Caravita di Sirignano, Mrs R M Carless, Mrs Peter Cazalet, Mr and Mrs George Chowdharay-Best, Mr Winston S Churchill, MP, Mrs F Clarke, Mr and Mrs Eric Cockeram, Cavaliere del Lavoro Massimo Coen, Mr and Mrs G Coen, Miss Mary Coltman, Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, Mr Tim Cowell, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Baron and Baroness Enrico di Portanova, Count Paolo Filo della Torre, Mr Piers Dixon, Mr Alexander Doherty, Mr Alan Duncan, MP, Mrs John Elton, Mr Roger Evans, MP, and Mrs Evans, Mr T W Ferrers-Walker, Mr Roger France, Mr John Galpin-Vaughan, Mrs H Gestetner, Mrs Christopher Gill, Mr Peggy Godfrey.

Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP (vice-chairman, Greater London Conservative MPs), Mr Percy Grieve, QC, Mr Raymond Gumbar, Miss B R Gwilliam, Mrs Max Harari, Mr Charles Harding, Mr and Mrs Francis Hazeel, Mrs S Hewitt, Mr and Mrs Alistair Horne, Mr Alan Howarth, MP, Mr Alan Jackson, Mr Stephen King, Mr D W Limon (Clerk Assistant representing the Clerk of the House of Commons), Mr Michael Lord, MP, Mr Gerald Malone, MP, Mr and Mrs Richard Manley, Mr and Mrs W A P Manser, Mr John Marshall, MP, Mr Lee Marshal, Mr Michael Mates, MP, Mrs Ann Mavroleon, Mrs Terence Maxwell, Mrs June Mills, Mrs Henry Mortimer, Mrs Roderic More O'Ferrall, Mr Daniel Nathanson, Mr Ian A Phillips, Mr David Powell, Mr Peter Price, Mr and Mrs John Profumo, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, Mr John Raven, Colonel and Mrs E Remington-Hobbs, Mr Mark Rimmer, Mr Andrew Rowe, MP, Mr T Russell, Mr Francis Russell, Mr and Mrs Peter Salgo, Mr and Mrs G C Seligman, Dr Shirley Sherwood, Mr F T S Sitwell, Mr Henry H Skinner, Mr M J M Slater, Mr Nicholas Stacey, Mrs Jack Steinberg, Mr Mark Stevenson, Mrs Edward Sutro, Mrs Denys Sutton, Captain and Mrs O P Sutton, Dr and Mrs P E Thompson Hancock, Count Ricardo Tomacelli, Mr Peter Viggers, MP, Miss Elizabeth Ward, Mr and Mrs John Ward, Miss Irene White, Mr Leslie Worth, Mr John Hogg, Mr David Smith and Mr John Macgregor (Gil, Carvajal and Partners), Mr Nigel Horder (Horder Adey) and Mr R N Linsley (Carlton Club).

Dr Jerome Roche

A concert in celebration of the life and work of Dr Jerome Roche, musicologist, was held yesterday in Durham Cathedral. Past and present members of Schola Cantorum with Mr Andrew King, tenor, accompanied by Mr Alan Thurlow, sang a programme of 16th and 17th century music associated with the years when Dr Roche founded and conducted the choir. Miss Marie Wiegold, soprano, and Mr Alex Peterkin, baritone, sang the solos in Fauré's *Requiem*. The programme was directed by Dr Jeremy Dibble and Mr Giles Brightwell. Mr Derek Downes led the orchestra; Mr James Lancelot played the organ.



Mr A.N. Wilson, the author, is 44 today

Birthdays today

Lord Ashbourne, 78; Lady Baden-Powell, former chief commissioner, The Girl Guides Association, 58; Mr David Bryant, bowler, 63; Mr John Cleese, actor and comedian, 55; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cox, 66; Dr John Dingle, President, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 67; the Earl of Dunraven, 55; Sir Paul Fox, former managing director, BBC Television, 69; Lord Glendyne, 68; Mr Glen Hoddle, footballer, 37; Sir John Hunt, MP, 65; Mr P.T. Hurst, Chief Taxing Master of the Supreme Court, 52; Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston, 65; Sir Raymond Johnstone, former chairman, Forestry Commission, 65; Mr Nicholas Jones, managing director, Lazard Bros, 48; Admiral Sir John Kerr, 57; Major-General H.M. Liardet, 88; Sir Brian McGrath, royal equerry, 69; Mr Tom McKean, athlete, 31; Sir Anthony Meyer, former MP, 74; Sir Frank Roberts, diplomat, 87; Mr Leonard Rosoman, painter, 81; Lieutenant-Colonel W.H.M. Ross, comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 51; Professor B.E. Supple, former Master, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 64; Mr Chris Tavaré, cricketer, 40; Dr A.W. Tyson, musicologist and psycho-analyst, 68; Air Marshal Sir John Willis, 57.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Desiderius Erasmus, scholar, Rotterdam, 1466; James Cook, navigator, Marton, Yorkshire, 1728; James Macpherson, poet and politician, Ruthven, Highland, 1736; Joseph Strutt, antiquary, Springfield, Essex, 1749; Niccolo Paganini, violinist, Genoa, 1782; Andrew Combe, physiologist, Edinburgh, 1797; Isaac Singer, inventor of the sewing machine, Pittstown, New York, 1811; Sir William Smith, founder of the Boys' Brigade, Thurso, Caithness, 1854; Theodore Roosevelt, 26th American President 1901-09, New York, 1858; Dylan Thomas, poet, Swansea, 1914.

DEATHS: Athelstan, King of the English 926-940, Gloucester, 940; George Morland, painter, London, 1806; John Wrottesley, 2nd Baron Wrottesley, astronomer, Wrottesley, 1867; Lascelles Abercrombie, poet and critic, London, 1938; Lise Meitner, physicist, pioneer of nuclear fission, Cambridge, 1968; Charles Hawtrey, actor, Deal, 1988.

The New York Subway was opened by Mayor McLellan, 1904.

The Republic of the Congo changed its name to the Republic of Zaire, 1971.

The deregulation of the money market brought about a "big bang" in the City, 1986.

Legal appointments

Mr Anthony Christopher Lawrence Thornton, QC, to be a Circuit Judge. He will sit as an Official Referee.

Mr Roger Graham Chapple to be a Deputy Judge Advocate.

Mr Jeremy John Bruce Rawkins to be joint district judge for the districts of the Manchester, Bolton and Salford County Courts and joint district judge in the District Registry of the High Court at Manchester, Bolton and Salford from November 1.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Besse and Miss J.A. Reuss
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs P.R. Besse, of Cavalaire-Sur-Mer, France, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A.K. Reuss, of Redesdale Street, London, SW3.

Mr S.S. Bhogal and Miss P.K. Mundey
The engagement is announced between Satnam, son of Mr and Mrs Pritam S. Bhogal, of Chelmsford, Essex, and Permjeet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Pritpaul S. Mundey, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Mr P.J.S. Folkes and Miss F.K. Wilson-Apperson
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Paul Folkes, of Abbotts Ann, Hampshire, and Ferrelyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Wilson-Apperson, of Shortstown, Bedfordshire.

Mr G. Nicol and Miss J.F.H. Broadhead
The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs P. Nicol, of Canonbie, and stepson of Mrs N. Nicol, of Langholm, Dumfriesshire, and Jill, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.W.B. Broadhead, of Stowey, near Bristol.

Mr T. Paterson-Brown and Mrs A.M. Tibor
The engagement is announced between Timothy, second son of Dr and Mrs Peter Paterson-Brown, of Norwood, Hawick, and Anne Michelle, second daughter of Mr James W. Polk and Mrs Evelyn L. Polk Spencer, of Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr E.P.W. Thompson and Miss T.J. Backhouse
The engagement is announced between Piers, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Thompson, of Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire, and Tanya, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Backhouse, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Marriage

Mr N.C.R. Whillis and Miss J.H. Chamberlain
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 22, at St Mary's Parish Church, Fetcham, of Nicholas Charles Russell, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.R. Whillis, of Fetcham, to Judith Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Chamberlain, of Epsom.

Latest wills

Lieutenant General Sir Michael Compton Lockwood Wilkins, of Guernsey, Commandant General of the Royal Marines 1984-87, and Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Guernsey since 1990, left estate in the UK valued at £34,914 net.

Marie Gertrude, Lady Soper of Kingsway, of London, NW11, left estate valued at £65,942 net.

Mr John Patrick Gleeson, of Wimbledon Common, London, former chairman and managing director of the construction group, M J Gleeson, left estate valued at £4,930,097 net.

Dr Beatrice Joan Haram, of Hampstead, North London, left estate valued at £2,676,677 net.
She left a number of personal bequests, certain theatrical effects to the Theatre Museum, Covent Garden, £10,000 each to the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, and the National Trust, and half the residue to the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital Charitable Trust, or if not existing to Edenhall Marie Curie Home, London NW3, and half the residue to St Christopher's Hospice, London, SE26.

Lady Marjorie Elizabeth Bawden, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, widow of Sir Frederick Bawden, former Director of the Rothamsted Experimental Station, left estate valued at £265,679 net.
She left £1,000 to the Royal Society of London, for their library, and a further £1,000 for use on diseases of the heart, in memory of her late husband, and £1,000 each to Girton College, Cambridge, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and the Lawes Agricultural Trust, to be used for the gardens of Rothamsted Manor House, Harpenden.

Romantics' shadow still falls on Germany

By Michael Binyon

GERMAN Romanticism has seeped into every pore of political life in the Federal Republic today, a capacity audience was told during a *Times* debate in London on Tuesday. But few people thought it was dangerous or would lead to a new perversion such as Nazism.

The movement that flourished for about 50 years after 1770, embracing liberal nationalism and an emotional reaction against French Rationalism, still finds echoes today, a panel of speakers insisted.

The Greens are the most obvious inheritors of a Romantic youth culture; but even Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, was described by Anne McElvoy, the former *Times* correspondent in Berlin, as a Romantic who appealed in his political campaigns to the deeply embedded notions of home, family and pastoral values.

Others disagreed. Professor Michael Stürmer, a historian close to the Chancellor, called him a pragmatist whose optimism was far from the emotional approach to politics. Romanticism, he said, flourished instead among those Germans who are reluctant to play a world role and who clung to a belief that Germany could be an Arcadian island cut off from world responsiblity.

The 90-minute debate in the South Bank's Purcell Room, timed to coincide with the Hayward Gallery's festival "Deutsche Romantik", had as much difficulty as the Romantics themselves in defining the movement and whether it was specifically German.

All agreed that the excesses of the Nazis had made today's Germans suspicious of emotion, nationalism and even words and concepts that were now taboo.

But Lord Weidenfeld cautioned against reading German history back to front, seeing every aspect of cultural and political Romanticism culminating in Hitler.

Professor Richard Evans of Birkbeck College said Romanticism had begun as a revolt against excessive French Rationalism; but others saw a false dichotomy in trying to separate the two in today's politics. Professor Stürmer said: "Any politician who takes an accountant's approach to politics is lost."

The question whether Romanticism still posed a threat went largely unanswered. The debate touched on European idealism, the German psyche, 20th century nationalism, German quietism and the dangers of using words such as "Volk". By a last minute show of hands the audience convicingly defeated any suggestion that German Romanticism could threaten the world again.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Margaret, as President of The Guide Association, will open the Wiltshire South County Headquarters and Outdoor Activity Centre at Berwick St James, Salisbury, at 3.05.

The Duke of Gloucester will be present for the Raleigh International 10th anniversary reception at the Tom Blau Gallery, Camera Press, 21 Queen Elizabeth Street, SE1, at 7.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the London Philharmonic, will attend a concert at the Festival Hall at 7.00.

The Duchess of Kent will attend an event to launch a special recording of Handel's *Messiah* at Westminster Abbey at 10.30 in aid of the National Childrens' Home Action for Children; and will visit the Let There be Light exhibition at the British Library at 6.45.

John Smeaton (1724-1792)

A memorial plaque to commemorate the life of John Smeaton, Britain's first civil engineer, is to be dedicated in Westminster Abbey at 5.45pm (after Evensong) on Monday, November 7, 1994.

Appointment

Mr Gerald G. Blakey to be Vice-President of the Chartered Institute of Transport.

Luncheons and dinners

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of the Governor of Hong Kong.

Carlton Club Political Committee
The Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, was guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Carlton Club Political Committee held at the club yesterday. Mr Giles Chichester, MEP, chairman, presided. Sir Cecil Burney also spoke.

London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Earl Ferrers, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs and Small Firms, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual luncheon of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Small Business Club held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Geoffrey Nichols, vice-president, presided.

Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce
The High Commissioner for Canada was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Painter-Stainers' Hall. Mr Denis R. Keast, president, presided. Viscount Hardinge, Lord Shaughnessy, Lord Marsh and the Agents General for Quebec and British Columbia were present.

The Times Pensioners
The Times Pensioners held a luncheon yesterday at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club. Those present were: Mr James Bishop, Mr W.M. Clarke, Mr Frank Eggleston, Mr Fred Emery, Mr Peter Evans, Mr John Grant, Mr Charles Hargrove, Mr Richard Harris, Mr Louis Heren, Miss Enid Knowles, Mr Iverach McDonald, Mr Leon Pilpel, Mr Denis Robertshaw, Mr Stanley Robinson, Mr David Spanier, Miss Philippa Toomey, Mr Colin Watson, Mr Colin Webb, Mr Richard Wigg, Mr Alan Wood and Mr Geoffrey Woolley.

English-Speaking Union
Viscount Norwich was the guest speaker at a literary luncheon of the English-Speaking Union held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mrs Edward Norman-Butler, Chairman of the Cultural Affairs Committee, presided. Lord Charles Fitzroy also spoke.

Dinners

Lamb Chambers
Mr Justice Auld proposed the health of Mr Randolph Boxall at a dinner held at the Athenaeum last Monday to mark his retirement from the Bar. Judge Charles, QC, and Judge Ellison Nash also attended. Mr Jonathan Cole, Head of Lamb Chambers, presided.

Commonwealth Jewish Council
The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented the Commonwealth Jewish Council's annual award to Mrs Helen Suzman at a dinner held last night at the Langham Hilton. The Hon Greville Janner, QC, MP, presided and Mr and Mr Abe Jaffe and Mr and Mrs Michael Rapp were the hosts. Among the guests were:
Lord Woolf, Sir Gavin Lightman, Sir Jack Zunz and Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Hong Kong Trade Development Council
Mr Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, and Mr Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, were the guests of honour and speakers at the annual London dinner of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Victor K. Fung, chairman, presided. Among those present were:
Lord MacLehose of Beoch, KT, Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, Sir Derek Hornby, Sir David Ford, Sir William Purves, Mr Tim Melville-Ross, Mr Michael Forsyth, MP, members of both Houses of Parliament, government officials and leading figures from the business communities in Britain and Hong Kong.

FARM-Africa
General Sir Peter de la Billière was the speaker at a dinner held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall in aid of FARM-Africa. Earl Jellicoe presided. Among the guests were:
Lady de la Billière, Sir Martin Wood, and Mr David Campbell, executive director.

Service dinner

7th Armoured Division
General Sir Thomas Pearson, President of the 7th Armoured Division, presided at the annual reunion dinner held last night at the Army and Navy Club, Piccadilly.

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BIRTHS

ACHESON-GRAY - On 26th October, at St Thomas' to Jackie and Neil, a son, Robert Benjamin (Ben) a brother for Steven and Kate.

COLTHURST - On Sunday 23rd October 1994, to Dominique (née Coles) and James, a beautiful daughter, Leah Alexandra.

CREAMER - On 20th October 1994, to Harriet (née Fowler) and Mark, a son, Oliver Thomas Mark, a brother for Toby and Edward.

HOWLETT - On 20th October, to Annette (née Hunter) and Nigel, a daughter, Alicia Catherine.

LEVIN - On October 19th, at The Wellington Hospital, to Michelle (née Fontaine) and Selwyn, a beautiful son, Ryan. 9lbs 6oz.

McCLEAN - On October 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Scott) and Daniel, of Clapham, London and Portstewart, Northern Ireland, two wonderful sons Jack Francis Ian and Thomas Daniel Stuart.

MERISON - On 24th October, to Delia (née Mainwaring-Burton) and Mark, a son, George Arthur Hugh.

WAINWRIGHT - On 17th October 1994, at The Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, to Tracey (née Peiser) and Simon, a daughter, Amelia Rosanna.

WESTON - On 23rd October, to Charlotte (née Brunet) and Guy, a son, Garfield Jonathan (Jonty), a brother for George and William.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BAIRD:AIRD - Innes and Marcella, Oct 27th 1944, 'Polscourer!' love Philip, Martin, Caroline & David.

DEATHS

BROOKS - Walter (Wally) on October 22nd. In hospital, following a long illness, after 50 years in Journalism and the Official Report (Hansard). Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral 28th October, 3.45pm Golders Green Crematorium. Donations, if desired, to CND, World Disarmament Campaign or St. Joseph's Hospice, London.

CAMPBELL - On October 24th. Peacefully at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham, Surrey, Rose Mary, S.S. O.St.J. dearly beloved sister of Mary Agnes, Isabella, Henrietta, Patricia and Ethna Julie and the late John, Joseph, Frank, Paul and William, formerly of Glasgow, Geneva, Macau, Cambridge and London aged 81. R.I.P.

CHIGEROVITCH - Myra Katie Chigerovitch, née Davis died peacefully on the 26th October 1994, after a long illness, gracefully borne. Adored mother of Nadia and step-mother of David. Cremation on Thursday the 27th October 1994 at Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton, Sussex. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

CLEGG - On October 25th 1994, peacefully at his home, Shaftesbury, Dorset, Lt. Col. Hilary Clegg D.S.O., R.A. (Ret'd) aged 88 years. Beloved husband of Edna and dear father, grandfather and brother-in-law. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday 1st November, at 2.20 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Alzheimer's Research Trust, may be sent to Merefield & Henstridge F/D, Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

DAY - On October 24th, in hospital, Kathleen Eva aged 87 of The Old Bakery, Arford, Headley, Hants. Wife of the late Richard John and dearly loved mother of Joanna Keeling and Nicholas, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium at 2 pm on Tuesday November 1st. Family flowers only; Donations to a charity of your choice.

CROFTS - On October 26th, 1994, peacefully after a short illness, Joan Crofts O.B.E. aged 82 years. Much loved aunt and friend to many. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at St. Giles Church, Coberley, Cheltenham on Tuesday 1st November at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. donations if desired for Coberley Church may be sent to Selim Smith & Co. 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

DEVEREUX - On October 24th, at St. Anne's Hospice, Joyce Gwenda, beloved wife of the late Dennis, loving mother of Rosemary and grandmother of Alex and Edward. Thanksgiving Service to be held at St. Cadocs Church, Caerleon, on Monday 31st October 1994, at 12noon. Donations if desired, may be sent to St. Anne's Hospice, Harding Avenue, Malpas, Newport, Gwent.

ELLIOTT - On October 24th in St. James's Hospital, after a long illness, and of Moortown, Leeds, aged 81 years, Robert Alfred. Dearly beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Frances and Robert, grandfather of Robert, Katharine and Jamie. Service at St. John's Church, Moor Allerton, Leeds 17, on Friday October 28th at 1 pm followed by interment in London. Enquiries to J.E. Spence Ltd. 0532 682842.

FINDLAY - On October 23rd, suddenly at home, Ann, aged 66. Much loved mother of Sarah and Felicity Jane. Cremation at Charing, Kent on Tuesday November 1st at 2.00 p.m. Flowers or donations payable to English Setter Rescue or Sussex Spaniel Rescue may be sent c/o J Periera & Son, Bank St., Cranbrook, Kent (0580) 713636.

GARDNER - On 26th October, peacefully after a short illness, Joy, aged 84 years, dearly beloved wife of the late Humphrey Gardner, mother of Richard and Nigel, and grandmother of Sally, Holly, Leila, Alex, Joy and Simon. Family funeral at St. Peter's Church, Goldhanger, at 11.15am on 1st November.

GORLINSKY - On October 24th 1994, peacefully at the London Clinic, Edith, most beloved widow of Sander, much loved and missed by her many friends. Funeral Service on Monday October 31st at Holmbury St. Mary Church, Surrey at 1.30 pm, to which all are invited. Flowers or donations, for The Edith Gorlinsky Fund, in her memory, may be passed and enquiries please, to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking. Tel: 0306 882266.

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HENDERSON - Marjorie May aged 97 peacefully in her sleep on October 26th. Service of Thanksgiving at West Woodhay Church 2.30pm Wednesday November 2nd.

HARDING - On October 22nd 1994, Sarah Robina Harding (née Fryer). Will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and pupils. Funeral Service at Bradfield College Chapel, on Friday October 28th at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Multiple Sclerosis Society, or Musicians Benevolent Fund, C/o Camp Hopson, F/D. 6-12 Northbrook Street, Newbury, RG13 1DN.

HEWLETT - On October 22nd 1994, peacefully at Flowerdown Nursing Home, Winchester, Celia Frances, dearly loved mother to John Hewett Chapman, grandmother to Christopher and Emma, sister to twin brother Francis and to brother John, widow of Geoff Hewett and of Tony Hewlett. Private cremation. Memorial Service on Saturday October 29th at All Saints Church, Headley, Hants, at 11.am. Enqs to Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester. 0962 844044

HEYS HALLETT - On 25th October 1994, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Michael Hillesden George. Dear husband of Christine and father of Lucy and Kate. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Thursday 3rd November 1994 at 3pm. Flowers and enquiries to Longhurst Undertakers, 8-10 Pound Lane, Epsom. Tel: 0372 723548

HOOLE - On October 23rd 1994 very peacefully Constance May aged 86 years, dearly beloved widow of William Leslie Hoole late of Cape Town and Jersey. Funeral service Tuesday 1st November 2pm at Cheltenham Crematorium. No flowers please, donations in lieu if desired to Cancer Macmillan Relief, 15-17 Britain Street, London SW3.

MARKS - Edith on 26th October 1994, peacefully in her sleep, beloved mother of Nick Tarsh and the late Dr. Michael Tarsh, Stepmother of Graham Marks. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium Friday 28th October at 3.30pm

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LIFT - On October 24th, in hospital, Joan Lift, formerly at Groby Road Hospital Leicester. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church, Henfield, West Sussex on October 31st at 11 am. By her wish, no flowers please, but if desired, donations in lieu, to the Church of England Childrens Society, would be welcome. Enquiries to Bedmall Funeral Service, Tel: 0273 494577.

MARTIN - John Newman aged 87 suddenly on 25th October in Lowestoft Suffolk, beloved husband of Zelma and much loved father of Léonie and Josephine.

McWHIRTER - At the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, on Monday 24th October 1994, Robert, retired professor Medical Radiology University of Edinburgh. Dearly loved husband of Susan MacMurray, and much loved father of Bill, father-in-law of Meg and grandfather of Alasdair, Caroline and Hamish. Funeral service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Main Chapel, Edinburgh on Saturday 29th October at 11.30am. To which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please.

MONCRIEFF - On October 23rd, 1994, peacefully in Hospital, Jean, of Sharpthorne, Sussex. Dearly loved aunt, great aunt and great great aunt. No flowers or letters please. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday November 9th at 11.45am.

MOSSERI - Helen Mosseri peacefully on 25th October in Geneva in her 100th year, beloved sister-in-law of Joyce and aunt of Susanne, Jacqueline, Colette and Helene and of Jean, Jeff and Susan. Funeral private. Donations for tree planting to Keren Kayemet, Israel.

PATTISSON - On 22nd October Gilbert Richard aged 86 years in Welwyn Garden City, husband of the late Betty, father of Gillian and Clare, and grandfather of Hannah, Julia and Simon.

PLUNKET - Pamela, on 26th October, peacefully at home in West Malling. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, West Malling, Kent, on Friday October 28th at 10.30am.

RHODES - On 25th October 1994, Vivien Patricia aged 67, peacefully of Cancer. Much loved sister of Pam Colclough, and devoted aunt to Jeremy and the late Martin. Cremation at Putney Vale at 1.30pm on Thursday 3rd November. Please no flowers, but if desired, donations to the Director, SGH, Queen Mary House, Manor Park Road, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5PY.

SIMS - On October 25th 1994, peacefully at his home in Crediton, Devon, Dr. Charles Sims, aged 89, for 60 years loving husband of Norah, much loved father of Jane, Andrew, Stephen and David, and a much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Memorial Service at Belmont Chapel, Exeter, on Monday October 31st at 2.pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, for The London City Mission, C/o A. White & Sons, Peoples Park Road, Crediton, Devon.

THROCKMORTON - On October 17th peacefully in Seattle. Sir Anthony dearly beloved husband of Violet, and much loved uncle of Susan, Richard, Miranda and Hamish. Requiem Mass to be held at St Benets, Beccles on date to be announced later.

TALBOT - On October 24th, peacefully at home, fortified by the rites of the Church, after a brave fight against lung cancer, Clive Richard, aged 50, beloved son of Mercia, husband of Pam and much loved father of Richard, Anthony, Nicola, Michael, Stephen and Frances. Requiem Mass at The Church of St. Thomas More, Seaford, on Monday October 31st at 12.45pm. No flowers please, donations, if desired, to: Aid to the Church in Need, 124 Carshalton Road, Sutton, Surrey [illegible].

WERTHEIMER - On 22nd October peacefully, Ruth Elsa Alice, retired Inspector of Schools, of Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos., much loved.

WHITE - On October 24th suddenly at his home, Edmund White aged 70, husband of Ellen White of Sunbury Nursing Homes, Thames Street, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex. Proprietor of Sunbury Nursing Homes since 1962. Funeral Mass at St Ignatius R.C. Church, Green Street, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex on Wednesday November 2nd 10.00 a.m. followed by burial at Sunbury Cemetery. R.I.P.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ALLEN - A Memorial Mass will be said for John Allen (former Senior Partner of Stanleys & Simpson North, now Beachcroft Stanleys) at 12 noon on Wednesday 9th November at The Church of the Holy Redeemer & St. Thomas More, 7, Cheyne Row, SW3. The Partners of Beachcroft Stanleys extend an invitation to those attending [illegible] 071 242 1011 [illegible] be appreciated.

CUBACK - A Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of Cyril Cuback [illegible] Church [illegible] Lane, Covent Garden, on Friday 4th November at 6.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

RADFORD - A Memorial Service for Roger Radford will be held at Southwell Minster at 2pm on Wednesday 2nd November. Donations, if desired, to Southwell 2,000 Organ Fund Appeal, Church Street, Southwell Notts.

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OBITUARIES

FRANCIS STEEGMULLER

Francis Steegmuller, biographer and translator, died in Naples on October 20 aged 88. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on July 3, 1906.



A MAN of letters of many parts, Francis Steegmuller wrote more than 20 books ranging from his great works on Flaubert and his biographies of Cocteau and Maupassant to his elegant and witty short stories, many of them first published in *The New Yorker* to which he was a contributor for more than sixty years. His translation of Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* (1957) is unsurpassed — perhaps unsurpassable — and his translation of Flaubert's *Letters* in two volumes (1981 and 1983) was a major event in the English-speaking literary world. It is likely to remain the centre-piece of his work and an abiding monument to his skill as the translator of the writer to whom he devoted so much of his own literary talents and time.

His interest in France and the French language began early and his mother was quoted as saying "... he had pretty much worn out the pages on France in the family reference books by the age of nine." The pull of Europe was very strong for him and at the age of 16 he and a friend worked their passage to England in the galley of a British transatlantic liner. A family friend had promised to meet the boat at Weymouth and give them a two-day tour of Hardy's Wessex before the return journey to New York. It had not occurred to them that they would need passports but luckily the port authorities decided to turn a blind eye and allowed them ashore. He never forgot this first happy encounter with bureaucracy nor the friendliness of the British crew.

Steegmuller took his degree in Modern Languages and English Literature at Columbia University, New York, and his own literary career started there when, at the age of 19, his first book, a novel based on the life of Ben Jonson, was accepted by the firm of Alfred Knopf. He chose to use a pseudonym (Byron Steel) in order to retain his undergraduate anonymity but it soon led to his first contribution to *The New Yorker* and other magazines under his own name. A few years later he was to join the staff of *The New Yorker* and wrote weekly paragraphs for "Talk of the Town" in partnership with William Shawn who was eventually to succeed Harold Ross as editor of the magazine.

But for now it was Europe and France in particular that called him and he financed his journeys during the long university vacations by writing articles for the North German Lloyd line who paid him in kind with free passages. On graduation he went for six months to Paris where he developed his interest in printing.

It was at the studio of his friend the Cubist painter Jacques Villon that he met the woman who was to be his first wife, the American painter Beatrice Stein. Back in America he concentrated on earning his living by writing stories and articles and three detective novels under yet another pseudonym (David Keith) as well as doing a stint of lecturing at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He looked like settling into his job at *The New Yorker* when Beatrice left for a visit to Egypt and, as he could not get an extended leave of absence, he resigned and set off in pursuit.

They were married in Vienna in 1935 and divided their time between New York and Paris where they rented a small flat on the top floor of the old hotel Le Palais d'Orsay. They had many painter friends and bought pictures to hang on the walls of their flat. "It was a time," Steegmuller said, "when people who loved paintings could still acquire them." In Paris he worked on the research for his first major work *Flaubert and Madame Bovary* which was published in 1939 and has remained in print ever since.

When the United States entered the war against the Axis powers in December 1941, Steegmuller was first recruited into the Office of War Information in Washington and later, when Paris was liberated, he was given a uniform and transferred there to work in Army Intelligence in the OSS (Office of Strategic Services). His return to Paris was both joyful and painful. He found many old friends but also mourned those who had not survived the Occupation.

At the end of the war he returned to America and within a year or two he and his wife were able to resume the pattern of their prewar life. The 1950s were extraordinarily productive years for Steegmuller. His biography of Maupassant added considerably to his laurels in 1950 and his first short selection of Flaubert's letters (superseded in due course by the two-volume edition) was an immediate success in 1954. *La Grande Mademoiselle* followed in 1955 and in 1957 his famous translation of *Madame Bovary* on which he had been working off and on for years coincided with the award of the French Légion d'Honneur for his services to French literature.

In 1961 Beatrice died of cancer and, ironically in the same year, his charming *jeu d'esprit*, the translation into French of *The Owl and the Pussycat* (*Le Hibou et la Boussiquette*) was, to his astonishment, a wild commercial success.

Two years later he published his biography of Guillaume Apollinaire and it was at that time that he met and married the novelist and short story writer Shirley Hazzard. This second marriage gave him 30 priceless years of loving companionship and shared interests and it was in this late period that he did some of his finest work. His biography *Cocteau*, published in 1970, cleared a way through the seemingly impenetrable jungle of ephemera and frivolity, so that the talents and achievements of this many-sided genius could be seen. In Steegmuller's own words, "out of his life, so often derailed, came the work that makes the life worth recounting."

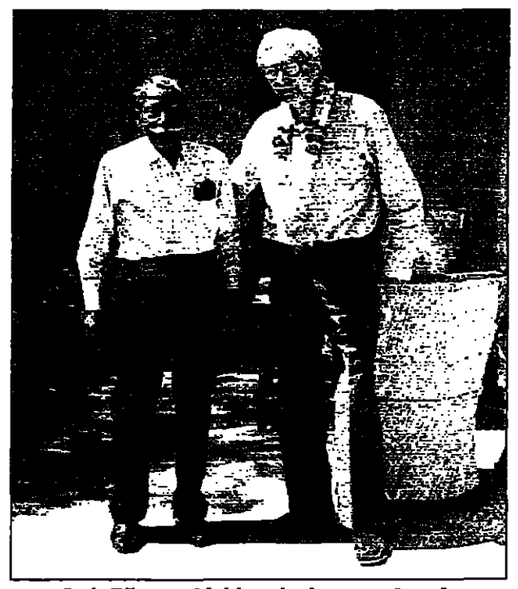
After the four Parisian years of research and writing of *Cocteau* the Steegmullers moved their European base to Italy. They lived in both Naples and Capri, where Graham Greene urged Steegmuller to translate the letters and journals which make up *Flaubert in Egypt* (1972). Following his triumph with the *Flaubert Letters* he embarked on two more demanding projects, *A Woman, A Man and Two Kingdoms*, the story of Madame D'Epinay and the Abbé Galiano (1992), and his final translation of Flaubert in *Flaubert-Sand: The Correspondence* in collaboration with Barbara Bray who translated the George Sand letters. This last book published last year was received with acclaim, deserving its place of honours among his best work.

Francis Steegmuller's character combined great sweetness and great strength. His tall presence was formidable and his features in repose could seem austere. But his frequent smile could light up a room and his sympathy and support for the humane and creative in the arena of contemporary criticism and fashion never wavered.

In his last two years he (and his wife) bore the trials of a fast-fading memory with a good-humoured fortitude that was wondrous to behold.

JACK GIBSON

Jack Gibson, OBE, Principal of Mayo College, 1954-69, died in Ajmer, India, on October 23 aged 86. He was born in Sussex on March 3, 1908.



Jack Gibson with his retired servant Joseph

MAYO College, often referred to as the Eton of India, was founded in 1875 with the purpose of educating the Rajasthani princes. It opened in grand style with a coat of arms drawn up by Kipling's father, and the first student coming to school on an elephant, trailing a retinue of 200 servants. One maharajah arrived with twenty polo ponies and eight carriage horses. Much had changed by the time Jack Gibson was appointed Principal of the college in 1954 — the last Englishman to hold the post — and it was he who revitalised the school and enabled it to become one of the leading modern public schools in India.

John Travers Mends Gibson, or Jack as he was known, was the son of a captain in the Royal Navy. He was brought up in Norfolk, a county always dear to his heart, and was educated at Haileybury and Sidney Sussex, Cambridge (where he won a fencing half-blue).

After short teaching appointments in Ripon and Switzerland, he went to India in 1937 to join the staff of the newly-opened Doon School in Dehra Dun, Uttar Pradesh, and, apart from regular home leaves in England, he was to spend the rest of his life in India. At Doon Gibson joined three other Englishmen, A. E. Foot, John Martyn and R. L. Holdsworth, and together they created one of India's best public schools.

Gibson was an inspiring teacher with great zest for his subjects, geography and history. But while academic standards were always a priority for him, he also introduced the boys to a wide range of extra-curricular activities — skiing in Kashmir, rafting on the Ganges, and climbing in the Himalayas. He was an enthusiastic mountaineer himself and from 1970 to 1973 was chairman of the Himalayan Club.

During the war he served as an executive officer in the RINVR and as first Principal of the National Defence Academy, when it was started as the Joint Services Wing. Two years ago, three of his former pupils caused great excitement in Ajmer, where he continued to live in retirement, by paying him a visit in their separate helicopters as heads of the three services in India — a general, an admiral and an air chief marshal.

After the war Gibson returned to Doon until 1953, when he was appointed Principal of Mayo College, Ajmer, near Jaipur. In his 15 years there, Gibson revitalised the school. With the change of the political atmosphere of India, he attracted boys from a wider cross section of society, including those from the new middle-class families in Delhi and Bombay, while trying to keep up the school's traditional princely values.

He relished the teaching, introducing progressive methods. The number of boys increased fourfold to around 600 and a waiting list was established. The school's finances were placed on a sound basis, academic standards improved hugely, the playing fields were expanded, new buildings and facilities were constructed, and the old fairy-tale palace structures of unpolished white marble were filled with new energy.

Gibson successfully pioneered the "gap" idea by arranging for a succession of English schoolboys to spend part of their time between school and university helping with teaching and games. Thanks largely to his efforts, Mayo took its place as one of the leading public schools of India, a place it retains to this day. Although he kept in touch with his friends and relations in England, spending every other summer here until he was too ill to do so, he remained in India after his retirement in 1969.

This was in part from economic necessity because, with no pension and only modest private means, he could not afford to retire to England, but also because so many of his friends were in India and he had come to identify himself with the country.

He continued to take an interest in the lives of old boys, carrying on a voluminous correspondence and helping them to find jobs and to sort out their personal problems. After his retirement, a steady stream of them would visit him in his home near Ajmer. He entertained them with home-brewed beer or, if specially privileged, to whisky, accompanied by Ritz crackers with Marmite.

Even in old age, he remained a tall, distinguished-looking man, charmingly modest about his achievements, and the archetypal English bachelor to the last, with his tweed jacket in winter and his pipe.

Gibson was appointed OBE in 1960, and was awarded the Indian equivalent of a knighthood, the Padma Shri, in 1965, one of the few men to be so honoured by both countries.

KALERIA FEDICHEVA



Kaleria Fedicheva, a former ballerina of the Kirov Ballet, died from cancer on September 13 aged 58. She was born in Ust-Ijory, near Leningrad, on July 20, 1936.

KALERIA FEDICHEVA was a leading dancer with the Kirov (now Maryinsky) Ballet for nearly 20 years, but she did not come to London for their 1961 or 1970 seasons, so British audiences were able to see her only at Covent Garden in October 1966. During that visit, however, she was prominently cast, dancing the lead in *Swan Lake* on the opening night and performing in several of the other ballets.

Perhaps the most notable of her roles was in *Leningrad Symphony* where Igor Belsky's old, stark choreography to Shostakovich's music was designed to evoke the experience of the company's home town during its prolonged siege by Hitler's army. Fedicheva embodied the spirit of hope and determination beside the prodigious heroism of Yuri Soloviev as the personification of struggle and triumph. The heart-felt conviction of their performances made the work intensely moving.

That ballet, in 1961, had provided Fedicheva with one of her earliest leading roles. She was probably at her best in parts calling for a strong element of characterisation: in Konstantin Sergeyev's *Cinderella*, for instance, to the Prokofiev score, her role was that of the impetuous, bullying step-sister opposite Natalia Makarova as the spiteful one who always had the last word.

Similarly in Yuri Grigorovich's version of another Prokofiev ballet, *The Stone Flower*, her role was the enigmatic, commanding Mistress of the Copper Mountain rather than the innocent heroine Katerina. In *Swan Lake*, too, Fedicheva excelled as a genuinely enchanting Odile of great liveliness, glowing rather than glittering; in the more lyrical half of the double role, Odette, she was more suited to the tragedy of the last scene than the romance of her earlier meeting with Prince Siegfried.

However, Fedicheva's warm feminity and expansive breadth of movement showed to advantage in more purely classic roles, as Nikiya in the Kingdom of Shades scene from *La Bayadere*, as the Lilac Fairy in *The Sleeping Beauty*, and particularly in the *Corsair* pas de deux where she and Soloviev astonished by their ease as well as their brilliance. Her Kitri in *Don Quixote* (not seen in London) was well reported, and on home ground she had roles created for her by several choreographers: Sergeyev in *The Distant Planet* and *Hamlet*, Konstantin Boyarsky in *The Pearl* and Georgi Alexidze in *Oresteia*.

Kaleria Ivanovna Fedicheva graduated into the Kirov Ballet from the Vaganova School in Leningrad in 1955 aged 19. She soon became a popular soloist and was promoted to principal ranking during the early 1960s. In 1967, she was honoured with the title People's Artist of the Russian Republic. But in 1975, after contracting a marriage with an American dancer, Martin Freedman, she left the Soviet Union for the United States, where she subsequently taught, staged some ballets and for a time ran her own small company. Last year she staged a production of *Giselle* for the Colorado Ballet. Divorced in 1979, she is survived by a son.

PROFESSOR J. M. CASSELS

J. M. Cassels, FRS, Professor of Physics at Liverpool University, 1956-82, died on October 19 aged 70. He was born on September 9, 1924.



JAMES CASSELS was a leading member of that group of young physicists who, in the years after the war, laid the foundations for the study of high energy particle physics in this country. He was always much interested in the planning of scientific facilities at the national and European levels and in later years his interests extended beyond those of particle physics. He was one of the first to study in detail and to argue for the use of combined heat and power systems in this country.

James Macdonald Cassels was educated at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he obtained his PhD in 1948.

From Cambridge University he went to work on the new synchrocyclotron at the Harwell Laboratory, where he rapidly became the driving force within a small team carrying out an innovative programme of experiments.

Sir James Chadwick at Liverpool had built a synchrocyclotron which was then the most powerful in Europe and Cassels moved there in 1953. Chadwick had by then left and when his successor died suddenly in 1960 Cassels was appointed professor and head of department in his place. He had established himself as one of the international leaders in the rapidly developing field of high energy particle physics and this was recognised by his election to the Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1959 and the award of the Rutherford Medal of the Institute of Physics in 1973.

As head of department his personal involvement in experimental work was necessarily reduced but he immediately applied himself to plans for the future. Apart from his work for the CERN Laboratory at Geneva he was concerned to obtain the next national accelerator for a site near to Liverpool. This he achieved when the electron synchrotron NINA was brought into operation at the Daresbury laboratory in 1966.

Within the university the expanding requirements of research were satisfied by the construction of the Oliver Lodge laboratory. This has turned out to be one of the more successful university buildings both in function and appearance.

Cassels was always much concerned with teaching and student affairs, and was the author of a book which became one of the standard texts on Quantum Mechanics and was widely translated.

When he decided to relinquish the headship of the department in 1974, he took up a new field of study in the area of energy conservation. This he prosecuted to such good effect that he became one of the leading experts in the technology of combined heat and power schemes. In his spare time he took up flying and was always a keen student of the stock exchange.

His first wife, Jane, died in 1977 and a second marriage ended in divorce. He leaves a son and a daughter.

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GOLF: MISS WETHERED AGAIN TRIUMPHANT

FROM BERNARD DARWIN

The Worplesdon tournament which has been the greatest possible success from beginnning to end, finished in a blaze of excitement yesterday, when Miss Wethered and her brother beat Mrs Patey and Mr Noel Layton by 2 up and 1 to play.

It was a match of which one is inclined to think — unreasonably perhaps — in terms not of what either side actually did, but what the Wethereds might have done. Miss Joyce was so wonderfully strong and steady, and her brother at intervals so brilliant, that they ought, one felt, to have won much more easily than they did, well as their adversaries played. But they frittered away great chances and Mr Roger Wethered made terribly destructive shots at terribly inopportune moments.

Though it always seemed that the favourite must win in the end, it was, in fact, a desperately close run thing.

The ladies undoubtedly carried off the honours of the day. Mrs Patey did her bit nobly. She was quite miraculously blameless.

ON THIS DAY

October 27 1922

Although the winners were "the lady champion" and her brother who, the year before, had tied first in the Open championship, Darwin was not afraid to record their poorer shots, for he had captained the British team against America a few months before.

As to Miss Wethered she was confronted with a number of putts of the most disagreeable possible length and she missed perhaps more than she generally would.

She completely topped one tee shot, and, apart from that, her play up to the green was as nearly as possible faultless. She was very long indeed, and invariably straight, and the accuracy with which she strikes shot after shot is something that no British amateur of the present day can even approach.

Of the men Mr Wethered played a number of stupendously good shots, but one cannot, and must not, forget that he played some very wild ones. He is so long that when he is crooked the hole is apt to be irretrievably lost, and this is what happened too often yesterday.

The first hole after lunch was halved. At the second the Wethereds had apparently all the best of it, but Mr Roger played a bad iron shot into a bunker, and it took the united family three shots to get clear. So the hole was lost, making no mistake.

They won the short tenth in 3, and then did the eleventh and twelfth, 528 and 446 yards long respectively, in 4 apiece. The twelfth was played against the wind, and yet Mr Roger Wethered pitched right home in 2 with a brassie shot so magnificent as to make one gasp. But what did this aggravating young hero do next? He pushed his tee shot at the short 13th into the bunker...

A LARGE FAMILY

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK, OCT 26

According to a report published here, Mrs Frank Scott, of Laporte, Indiana, has given birth in ten years of married life to five sets of triplets and to two sets of twins.

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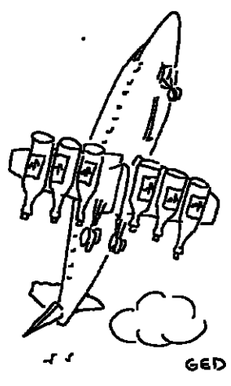
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Kruger elephant trade attacked

Leading British tour operators, tourist boards and airlines have united in a campaign to dissuade the South African government from resuming trade in elephant hides and meat.

They say the move would be the first step towards lifting the ban on trade in ivory and would encourage poachers across Africa to begin again the illegal slaughter of thousands of elephants.

Operators fear renewed poaching would lead to lawlessness in game parks across Africa and violence of the sort which kept tourists away from east African parks in the 1980s.

South Africa's proposal has provoked an outcry from the travel trade, including the African Travel & Tourism Association (ATTA) whose members include Kenya Airways, South African Airways, British Airways, Thomson Holidays, Kuoni and Somak Travel. ATTA says that once again, both the future of the elephant and of African tourism is in jeopardy.

The South Africans want to be allowed to sell the meat and hide from about 500 elephants culled every year in the Kruger National Park and to use the money for conservation. Some wildlife groups argue the animals should be transferred to other parks.

Jake Grieves-Cook, spokesman for ATTA, and managing director of the travel company Tropical Places, said: "More than 100,000 elephants were being killed each year in Africa by 1989, following years of wholesale slaughter by poachers in East and Central Africa, and over 86 per cent were slaughtered between 1963 and 1989.

Operators are horrified at South Africa's plans, says Marianne Curphey

"The tourism industry suffered a major downturn and the violence of the poaching gangs created security problems. The ban has been extraordinarily successful in stopping the poaching by removing the market for elephant products.

"I strongly believe that if the door for trading was opened only slightly, a similar situation as the 1980s would soon occur again."

The World Wide Fund for Nature, however, says there may be some merit in allowing a trade in meat, because in return South Africa would be prepared to join other countries members who have complete bans on the ivory trade.

But Mr Will Travers, who set up the UK Elephant Group, a lobbying organisation, said a resumed trade in elephant skins and meat would be seen by ivory traders as the thin end of the wedge.

Roger Heape, British Airways Holidays managing director, said he deplored "any attempt to reintroduce a trade in elephant products" as this was "bound to result in more poaching". His feelings were echoed by Martin Thompson, managing director of Abercrombie & Kent: "We can all remember the disastrous situation in the 1980s," he said. "South Africa has a fantastic future as a tourist destination and it would be a great shame to see one decision threaten a whole industry."

Operators say South Africa has only 2 per cent of the total African elephant population and is well equipped to protect its herds, but other countries have far more elephants and far fewer resources.

Next month the South African government will ask the UN Convention in Trade on Endangered Species (CITES) meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the African Elephant to be downlisted from Appendix 1 to Appendix 2, thereby enabling trade in elephant products such as hide, meat, ears and feet.

Liezel Castlemann, of the environmental department at the South African Commission, said that "for now we are only asking for trade in hide and meat, and not ivory."



Elephants in the Kruger National Park: would a meat trade lead to ivory poaching?

Austrian ski resorts fight back

AUSTRIAN ski resorts, which were hit heavily last season when skiers chose lower-priced Italy, say early bookings indicate that a policy of cutting hotel prices is bringing clients back. Some of the big package operators have used their influence to secure bargain prices from hotels.

The fickleness of the British skier last season horrified hoteliers as resorts that had enjoyed several years of steadily increasing bookings from Britain suddenly saw the market fall dramatically.

St Anton, the top destination in Austria for serious skiers, and where Britons come second only to the Germans in the numbers of foreign visitors, saw a fall in visitors for the first time in ten years. Even Lech, which attracts the wealthy who are usually less sensitive to fluctuations in the strength of the pound, saw a slight fall.

Austria was still the leading destination for most British skiers last year, but inevitably the Tyrol was the province which felt the fall in bookings most. "People who defected last season were not going elsewhere simply for a change, or because they were unhappy with the quality," said a spokesman at the Tyrol tourist office. "It was on price alone."

The Austrians responded by dropping prices to tour operators. Andy Perrin, marketing manager at Crystal Holidays said: "They also added value, with gala dinners and buffet breakfasts instead of Continental breakfasts and so on. The result is that you can get fantastic value for money in some of the Austrian resorts this year.

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A dilemma for Mawhinney as more carriers pull out of provincial cities and add to the overcrowding of Britain's biggest airport

The insatiable monster of Heathrow



The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Millions of people are being prevented from using regional airports because transatlantic air fares are so low. Airlines say they can no longer afford to operate long-haul services — especially across the Atlantic — from the regions and are being forced to concentrate their flights at overcrowded Heathrow.

Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, somewhat immodestly maintains that his recent decision to throw open regional airports to all-comers was "the most sweeping unilateral liberalisation move in the history of transatlantic aviation". Even as Dr Mawhinney was thrilling Tory delegates with promises that it would benefit local economies around Belfast, Birmingham, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Luton, Manchester, Newcastle and Stansted, airlines were either pulling out or drawing up plans to.

With Heathrow groaning at the seams, it would seem logical to fly from provincial cities, which are crying out for more transatlantic services. The problem for the airlines is that everyone now wants a cut-price ticket. As a result, the seats are filled with what the airlines call "Auntie Jean" passengers. And Auntie Jean, off to see her relatives and friends, does not pay the full economy fare. Each class subsidises the other. Without leisure passengers, business fares would be higher still, while without business passengers, economy fares would have to rise.

The airlines have tried. One after another, local lobbyists and marketing men have convinced sceptical airline boards that it would be worthwhile opening routes from Glasgow to Washington, Stansted to Chicago or Manchester to Los Angeles. In each case, and many more, the harsh financial realities have prevailed.

In the past few months alone, Glasgow has been hit by United's decision to drop its Washington route. Northwest no longer flies to Boston, and American plans to fly to Chicago only in the summer.

At Manchester, BA has abandoned flights to Los Angeles, American has cut New York, Canadian has dropped Toronto and South African Airways has axed Johannesburg.

Air New Zealand is pulling out of Gatwick next month and moving all its operations to Heathrow. The move is typical of the whirlpool that is sucking airlines into Heathrow. Business travellers demand frequent flights with a wide range of options for connections or an instant change of plan.

As airlines desert the regions and concentrate on Heathrow, where they are able to make a profit, so more passengers, and airlines, want to follow them.

In order to survive, those airlines still operating transatlantic flights from airports other than Heathrow cut their prices — and often their standards — still further in order to attract passengers almost at any price. They then lose money and more passengers and the vicious circle spins faster.

Surely, their critics argue, they should hang on until the economy improves sufficiently to fill business-class as well as leisure-class seats? But United, which is to suspend its Glasgow to Washington service after 16 months of heavy loss making, attracted, on average, two fare-paying business passengers per flight on to its 32 business-class seats. The rest of the aircraft was filled with uneconomic leisure passengers.

Now the unthinkable is being voiced in some regional airports and travel agencies — should there be a minimum fare below which the airlines are not allowed to sell tickets? Only by such draconian methods, some are saying, can transatlantic air services from the regions be maintained. It is, of course, economically and politically impossible. But how are these important air services to be kept? Perhaps they could be subsidised.

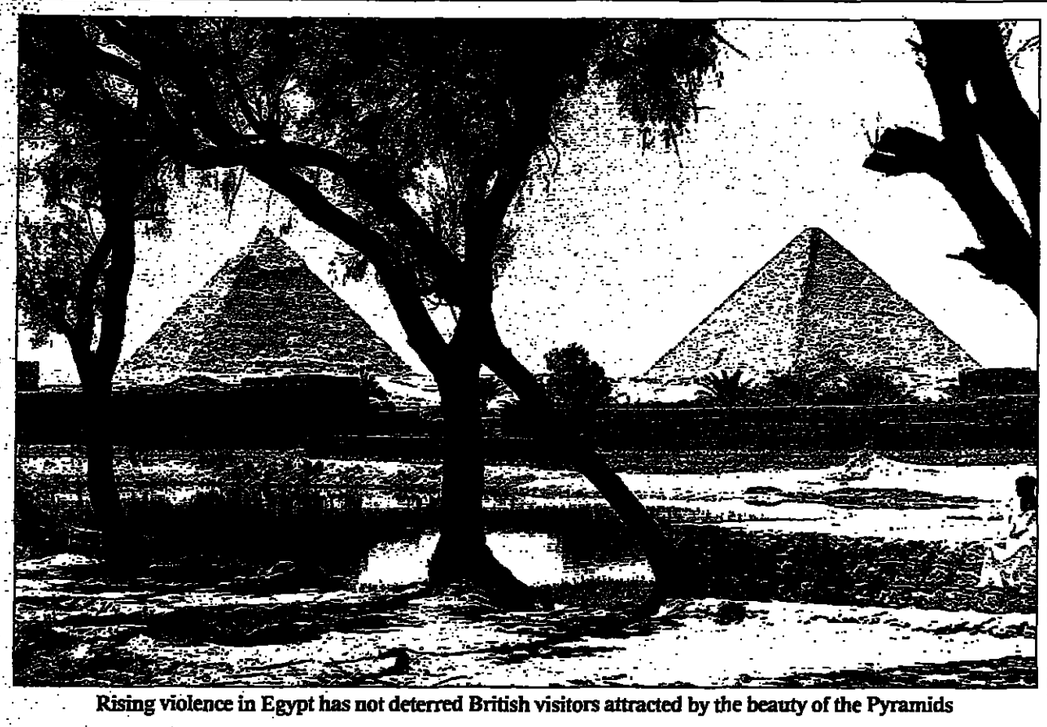
That, too, is a non starter — not least because all the big British airlines, together with the Government, are fighting to prevent state-owned airlines from countries such as France, Spain, and Greece from obtaining aid.

As Britain becomes further integrated into Europe, perhaps Heathrow should have equal status with the regional airports, providing a network of short-haul flights feeding into Paris, Amsterdam or Frankfurt, where the big long-range jets will be ready to fly across the Atlantic. Or should Heathrow airport be allowed to expand to meet whatever demand dictates?

Answers, please, to Dr Mawhinney.

Intrepid travellers brave illness and unrest

BY DAVID CHURCHILL



Rising violence in Egypt has not deterred British visitors attracted by the beauty of the Pyramids

Foreign Office advice to avoid parts of Egypt and India has done little to deter British tourists, according to most tour operators and travel agents yesterday.

According to one travel agent, the low-key response by travellers to disease in India and violence in other world trouble spots such as Egypt is in keeping with the type of tourist they attract. "Unlike Florida, where people expect to be safe and able to drink the water, people who visit Egypt and India usually know what to expect," he said.

A leading tour operator to India criticised reports of 4,000 Indian villagers allegedly dying from cerebral malaria in the desert region of Western Rajastan and said the number of deaths had been exaggerated by the media. "Official World Health Organisation (WHO) figures put the number of dead at 237," said Mr Peter Kerkar, chief executive of India specialist tour operator Cox & Kings.

There had been no cancellations as a result of the latest news, which follows last month's outbreak of plague. "We explain the health problems and the people who go on our holidays are well aware of the issues and how to cope with them," he said.

"Malaria has been a fact of life in India for over 20 years. Most of Africa and Asia have it as well, and the WHO reports between 300 million and 500 million clinical cases of malaria every year."

But tour operators to Egypt are curtailing some trips because of violence. Kuoni has been forced to curtail part of its Nile cruises, missing the popular destinations of Dendara and Abydos.

The Foreign Office, through its Travel Advice Unit, has not so far issued a blanket warning against travelling to Egypt because of violence, but has warned against visiting certain areas, including the Qena governate, north of Luxor. It has a special Egypt advice line — 071-839 1010 — apart from its regular telephone advice line on 071-270 4129. Potential travellers to the world's hotspots can get little hard information from official sources about the threat to health. While the Foreign Office can give updated information on more than a hundred countries, it cannot give advice on health.

Relatively few countries have health warnings against them at present, according to the Foreign Office. These include Angola, Brazil, Panama, Russia and the Ukraine as well as India.

The Department of Health publishes a booklet, *Health Advice for Travellers Anywhere in the World*, which can be obtained from post offices, GPs or by telephoning the Health Literature Line on 0800 555777.

The Travellers Health Line offers an interactive telephone service with written confirmation on vaccination and other requirements. Details are available on 0891 224100. The Health Control Unit at Heathrow Airport can also give up-to-date information on compulsory and recommended immunisations for different countries, on 081-745 7209.

Britain fails to exploit boom in tourism

Although more than 19 million tourists visited Britain last year and spent £9.2 billion — 17 per cent up on 1992 — Britain is failing to cash in on the international tourism boom (*Harvey Elliott writes*).

The figures, expected to be announced today by the British Tourist Authority, show a steady growth over the last decade, but Britain has only a 4.3 per cent share of the market, compared with 6.7 per cent in 1984.

In an attempt to reverse the trend, BTA's new chief executive, Anthony Sell, is planning a high-profile international sales drive to woo more visitors from abroad. He is also likely to seek much greater co-operation from the plethora of organisations promoting tourism whose uncoordinated efforts, he is convinced, are only confusing potential foreign visitors.

He is certain to be challenged, however, by the British Incoming Tour Operators Association, which is becoming increasingly angry at what its 250 members regard as the lack of government recognition of — and investment in — the tourism industry. "It is clear that if we are to redress the continuing decline in our tourism deficit, central government must stop treating tourism as a second-class industry," said Stuart Crouch, BITOA's chairman.

The association wants the government to ease building restrictions to allow new hotels to be built in London. "London is a world-class destination but is desperately starved of affordable hotel bedrooms," said Mr Crouch. "The capital could have easily absorbed an additional 10,000 bedrooms this year. Next year looks as though it is going to be even busier. Unless we have the additional capacity, tourists who would have come to Britain will simply go elsewhere."

He is pressing the Government to invest 5 per cent of the income raised from the new airport departure tax in improving support for tourism. He also wants grants to help hoteliers provide additional bedrooms. "An additional 10,000 rooms could produce an additional £350 million a year for Britain — that's serious money for an investment of £5 million," he said.

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THE best new travel idea of the week comes from Grenadier Travel (0206-549585), which has announced eight or 13-day golf safaris from Cape Town to Victoria Falls, playing 18 holes on each of seven or 11 courses in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Swaziland. The safaris cost £15,300, rising to £28,900.

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SNATCHING victory from the jaws of defeat ... sailing conditions were so bad when Brittany Ferries' *Bretagne* was returning from Santander on December 23 last year that it was forced to shelter in Brest throughout Christmas. Yet a ferry Christmas was so successful that Brittany (0705-751708) have announced two Christmas cruises to Rouen, sailing on Christmas Eve, and Amsterdam, sailing on December 30. Father Christmas presumably uses the funnel.

Far flung

Our shrinking world, 1: Jetset has announced a 50 per cent increase in Malaysia and Thailand destinations in 1995.
Our shrinking world, 2: STA is offering a £679 London-Sydney return for departures between November 13 and December 12 (071-937-9962).
Our shrinking world, 3: Jetset also features Indo-China, including Vietnam, Laos and South Korea, for the first time — plus Australian holidays starting at £860, with hotels at £12 per person per night.

BRIAN MACARTHUR

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

Travel the world again on Saturday in the Weekend section of The Times:

Peter Hughes on travel and tourism on Greek islands
Nicole Swengley in Bologna
Jack Crossley in Dubai
Doug Sager on skiing

Splash out in order to attract in

London's best-known museums, which last year suffered a drop in visitors, are now attracting many thousands more thanks to investment in ambitious new exhibitions, according to the English Tourist Board.

Around 400,000 people have seen the moving model dinosaurs at the Natural History Museum since they went on show in May, and 225,000 extra visitors have seen the Fabergé and Pugin displays at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The Tower of London, which spent £10 million on its new Jewel House, and the newly refurbished Hampton Court Palace have also attracted more visitors.

Susan Barber, senior press officer at the Natural History Museum, which received 1.74 million visitors last year, said the moving, roaring models of Stegosaurus and Tyrannosaurus Rex had helped to "sell" the museum as a whole. "We have not only recovered our costs, but made some money for investment as well."

The Victoria and Albert Museum attracted an extra 150,000 people to their Fabergé exhibition between January and April this year, and a further 75,000 to the Pugin display which ended last month.

Robyn Griffiths-Jones, its spokeswoman, said the museum had not recovered its costs, but had shown people that the museum still had much to offer. "One problem with having permanent collections is that people think they have seen them. Our challenge is to persuade them to look afresh."

The Commonwealth Institute, with its rather staid image, hopes its new £7.5 million "Wonders of the World" ride to be opened in 1996, will be a big attraction. The Institute, a showcase for Commonwealth countries, has been faced with serious financial difficulties.

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Day-trippers bonanza

Short breaks boost winter fortunes of the airlines

DAY TRIPS to European cities — designed to keep charter aircraft flying throughout the winter — have become a surprise money spinner for one of Britain's biggest holiday airlines.

At least 16,000 passengers, many of them using tickets bought as presents for Christmas, will fly on Airtours day-trip packages this winter.

The company began running day trips five years ago as a means of maintaining operations outside the peak summer holiday period. Now most of its fleet of 17 aircraft are employed throughout the winter on day trips to 12 European cities from 11 British airports.

The best-selling destinations are Monte Carlo and Madrid. Prices range from £99 for a day in Paris to £269 for a trip to Lapland. All trips include food on the aircraft, transfers from the airport, a guided tour of the city and a few hours' free time.

"Day trips have really taken off in the last two years," says Richard Carrick, Airtours marketing director. "People buy them as presents. They are also a very popular second holiday for those short of time and are especially popular with men who want to propose."

This winter Airtours will fly to Reykjavik, Lapland, Budapest, Prague, Paris, Monte Carlo, Florence, Rome, Berlin, Vienna and Venice.

Britannia — Britain's biggest charter airline — fills most of its aircraft with skiers from a wide range of operators throughout the winter. It, too, however, has noticed a sharp increase in "one off" bookings from conference groups or football fans.

Short breaks of up to a week are also becoming more popular as the economy improves with most travel companies reporting increases of around 15 per cent on last year. Paris, Amsterdam and Rome remain the top favourites with Barcelona catching up fast.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE TIMES

Two-for-one offer of African adventure



FLIGHTS to African destinations unspoiled by mass tourism and holidays in Egypt and Kenya bring a touch of adventure to week four in our series of two-for-one travel offers.

From cruising on the Nile to shopping in the fetish market at Lomé, the capital of Togo, the giant continent of Africa offers the opportunity of a break in a distant and exciting destination at little more than the cost of a package holiday much closer to home.

If you choose Lomé, make sure you try the local food as well as the excellent French cuisine served in the more expensive restaurants. Soups based on maize, palm nuts and peanuts are a speciality and meat, poultry and seafoods are plentiful and well prepared.

Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi, is a modern city set in a rich agricultural region close to the Kasungu National Park — a vast area teeming with wildlife including lions, cheetahs and leopards.

Or consider Dar-Es-Salam. An ideal centre for a holiday in Tanzania, the city is close to Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, and to wildlife viewing areas.

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Lilongwe (capital of Malawi)	£999	Nov 1 – Nov 30, Feb 1 – Mar 31 '95
Dar-Es-Salam (capital of Tanzania)	£816	Nov 1 – Nov 30, Feb 1 – Mar 31 '95

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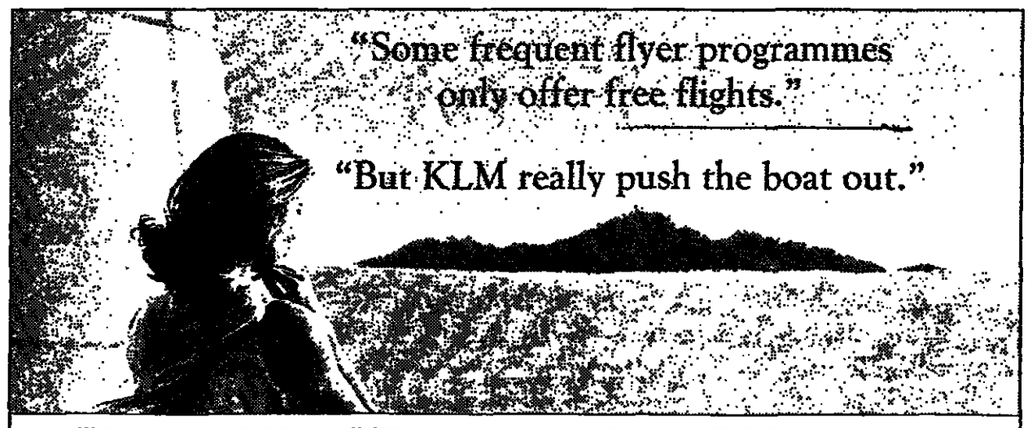
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NEWS

Treaty ends 46 years of hostility

■ After three wars and 46 years of hostility, Jordan and Israel finally and formally made peace at a joyful ceremony held in a former minefield in the desert dividing the two countries.

Fifteen years after Egypt signed the Camp David accord, Jordan became only the second Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel, and in so doing, gave new momentum to a peace process in danger of being derailed by recent terrorist outrages ..... Pages 1, 12

Road building freeze rejected

■ The Government appeared to be on a collision course with members of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution when Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, dismissed a suggestion that the £19 billion road building programme be halted ..... Pages 1, 11

Blair's team

Tony Blair announced an extensive overhaul of his frontbench team with top jobs for women and his allies ..... Pages 1, 9

'Young' universe

Cosmologists have been thrown into confusion by the discovery that the universe is only half as old as its stars ..... Page 1

Fraud Office link

Neil Hamilton, the minister dismissed by John Major in the cash-for-questions affair, was director of a company indirectly linked to another that has been investigated by the Serious Fraud Office ..... Pages 1, 2

Inquiry sought

The parents of a man who died from an incurable brain disease called for a public inquiry into the links between Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and the human growth hormone given to their son more than 15 years ago ..... Page 3

Paid in error

More than £672 million in income support was paid to claimants in error by the Social Security Department last year ..... Page 4

Ethical debate

An ethical debate over a Catholic headmaster's decision not to give a combined measles and rubella vaccination to his pupils intensified as the Goverment's chief medical officer expressed his concern at the ban ..... Page 5

US killer jailed

Curtis Howard, an American who brutally killed a 24-year-old English student with whom he was obsessed, was jailed for life after doctors said he was no longer mentally ill ..... Page 6

Clean-up starts

Environmental officials arrived at the site of a big oil spill in northern Russia to determine how to clean up thousands of tonnes of crude spread over the Arctic tundra ..... Page 14

Role reversal

As a member of the South African Defence Force Special Forces, Eeben Barlow spearheaded a mission that resulted in the deaths of Angolan government soldiers. Now he and his SADF troops train them ..... Page 15

Chinese 'slavery'

Workers in at least 20 Chinese quarries are being treated like slaves, according to an official newspaper ..... Page 13

Critical report

Care for the mentally ill is poorly directed and badly managed. Too much is spent in hospitals and not community care, the Audit Commission reports ..... Page 8

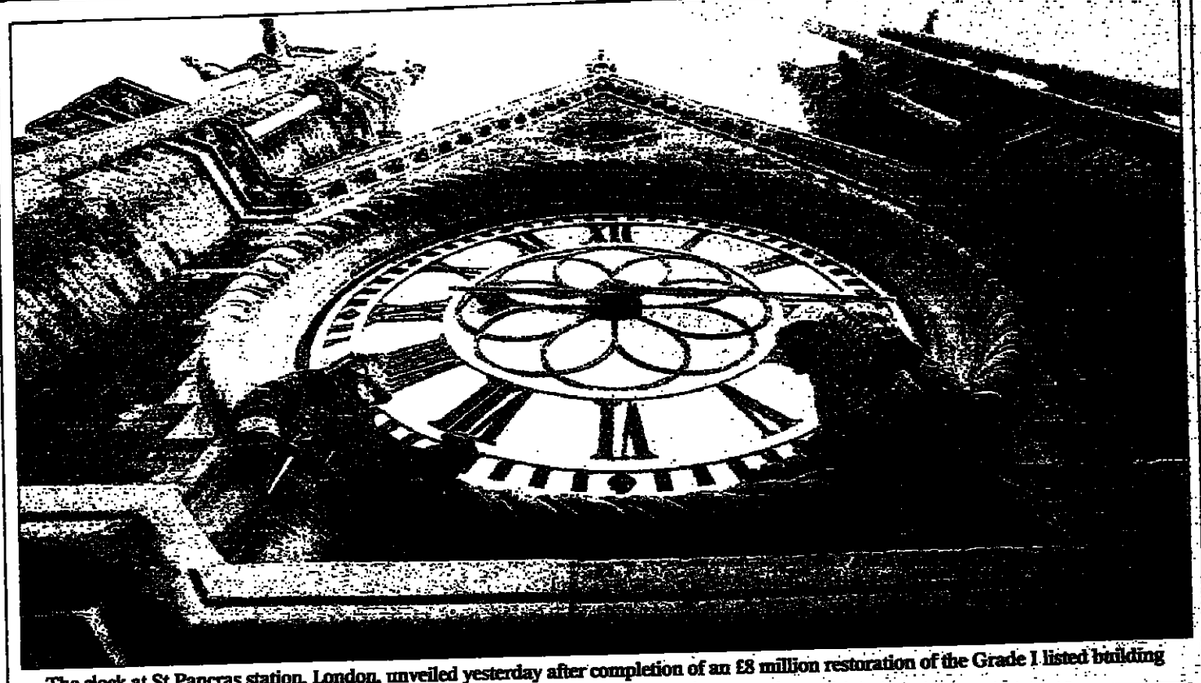
Change rejected

Government hopes of replacing the English shires with a network of efficient local authorities took another knock when changes were rejected ..... Page 9

Lawyers sue over Nureyev legacy

■ The foundation established by Rudolf Nureyev is suing the family of the late dancer over the rights to his legacy. The Rudolf Nureyev Dance Foundation claims that the family had threatened to prevent an auction of the dancer's posessions. At stake are the contents of Nureyev's New York flat estimated at $7 million (£4.5 million) ..... Page 14

PETER TREMOR



The clock at St Pancras station, London, unveiled yesterday after completion of an £8 million restoration of the Grade I listed building

BUSINESS

Gas: The Government is planning a pilot scheme to end the exclusive right of British Gas to supply the domestic market, Tim Eggar, the Engergy Minister, told a House of Commons committee ..... Page 25

Executive pay: Executives at East Midlands Electricity, one of the 12 privatised electricity distribution companies in England and Wales, will boost the value of their already lucrative share options overnight once shareholders vote on this week's £187 million special bonus to shareholders ..... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 1.0 to close at 2999.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 80.7 to 80.5 after a fall from $1.6371 to $1.6324 and from DM2.4430 to DM2.4409 ..... Page 28

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Barbican battle: Is Baroness O'Cathain's "autocratic" management souring the atmosphere of one of Britain's leading arts centres, the Barbican? That is the view of many ..... Page 35

Hopkins's homecoming: Sir Anthony Hopkins went back to Wales to direct a play on stage for the first time. He also starred in the play, *August*, a Chekhov adaptation by Julian Mitchell ..... Page 36

Rattigan updated: The big, new, film of the week is an update of Terence Rattigan's play about a burnt-out schoolmaster, *The Browning Version* ..... Page 37

Jones the voice: Tom Jones, mysteriously back in fashion as a cult hero, has begun a British tour. Also hitting the road is Bryan Ferry ..... Page 35

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The plight of overworked junior doctors is the subject of *Inside Story: Junior Doctors* (BBC1, 10pm) ..... Page 17

To stand for principle

No task facing Lord Nolan's committee on standards in public life will be as demanding as the process of self-definition ..... Page 19

A conversion

After boasting for many years that there would never be peace in the region without him, there is now a considerable amount of peace without Mr Assad ..... Page 19

Arctic waste

Environmental irresponsibility, as Chernobyl showed, is not an internal Russian affair ..... Page 19

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

A process as revolutionary in its implications as transferring Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty was always bound to have its black weeks, and there will be more of them ..... Page 18

PAUL BARKER

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The Nolan inquiry on standards of conduct of holders of public office could be turned by the Government into a political asset ..... Page 2

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President Clinton's decision to tour the still dangerous Mideast sends the right message. It demonstrates to terrorists, who will only understand strength, that the United States will continue to back peace and the peacemakers, regardless of the risks

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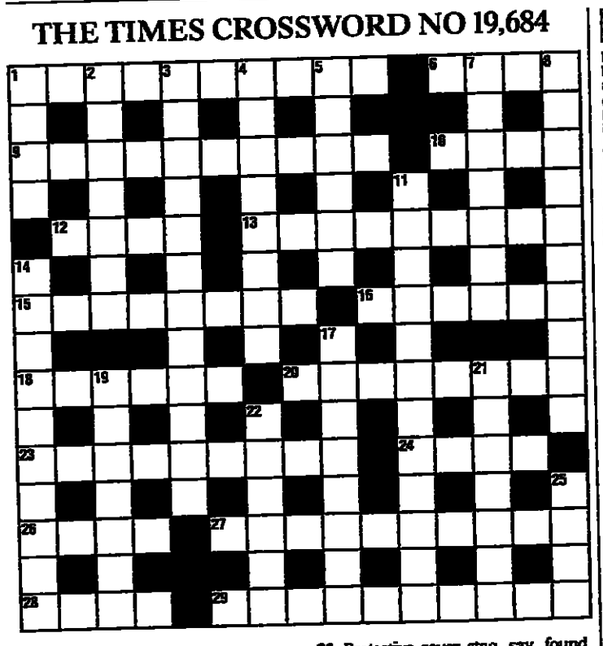


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David Sinclair, rock reviewer, on *Bedtime Stories* from Madonna

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Bernard Levin, columnist, on monsters, liars and implacable tyrants

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ACROSS

1 Lowering keys to the room below (10).
6 Paper not quite finished for foreign parliament (4).
9 Property that's concerning porter, say (4,6).
10 Plane, perhaps, I removed from Scottish island (4).
12 Letter from Israel included in March issue (4).
13 One who derives income from simple interest (9).
15 Messing about exerts no muscle (8).
16 Bit of change seen round America is relative (6).
18 Shade in deserted village (6).
20 Heroic schoolboy has grave dispute with nasty head (3,5).
23 Protective cover stag, say, found on the mountains (5-4).
24 Music for reel (4).
26 Political alliance that's central to revolution (4).
27 Rebel group moved across border illegally (10).
28 Prepare vessel for sea at a port (4).
29 Put up with awful danger in such a rough situation (4,6).

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1 Fish from boat (4).
2 Least likely to run off with items of underwear (7).
3 Author appearing to tread on birds (7,5).
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5 Kind mother (6).
7 Some hair misshapen in close shave (7).
8 Officer giving order to tauten line (10).
11 Play's leading lady? (5,7).
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17 Analyst of public opinion inserting lines in ad (8).
19 Make a circle in the air (7).
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22 Erotic performer getting male so excited (6).
25 British colony lost in a retreat (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,683

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, and Salcombe, Devon, 15C; lowest day max: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 8C (45F); highest rainfall: Littlehampton, Sussex, 1.19in; highest sunshine: Salcombe, 7.3hr.

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WEATHER

☐ **General:** eastern England will start dry with sunny spells, but some showers will spread in from the west during the day. Wales and western England will have frequent showers, some of them heavy, interspersed with relatively brief sunny intervals. Northern Ireland will have brief sunny or clear intervals and heavy showers, some of them with hail.

Western and Northern Scotland will be fairly cloudy, but sunny intervals will be interspersed with heavy showers, perhaps with hail. The east, though, will find the sunshine more prolonged and many places could well stay dry all day. Temperatures generally will be a little below normal.

☐ **London, Central S, Central N, SE, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** sunny, then clear intervals with showers. Wind moderate or fresh, southwest. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** sunny or clear intervals. Occasional showers, some heavy with hail. Wind moderate or fresh, southwest or west. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** sunny spells and isolated showers, perhaps heavy. Wind light or moderate, southwest or west. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** sunny intervals and heavy showers, some with hail. Wind mainly moderate, west or northwest. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy with occasional showers. Wind light southeast or variable. Max 10C (50F).

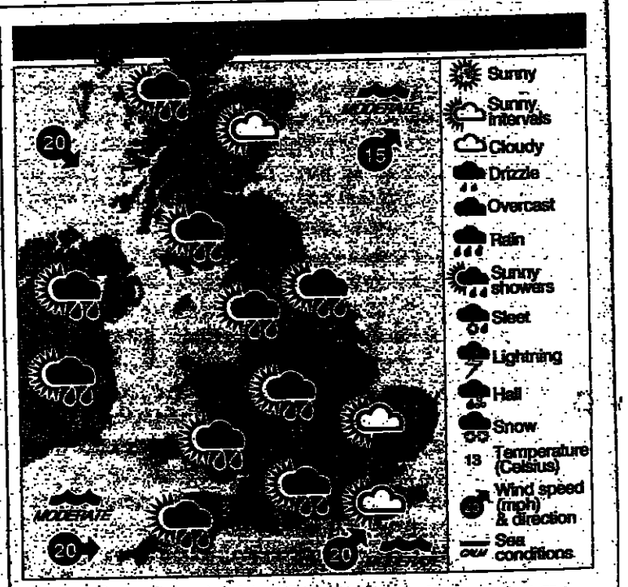
☐ **Outlook:** showers generally dying out before rain spreads in from the southwest later on Saturday.

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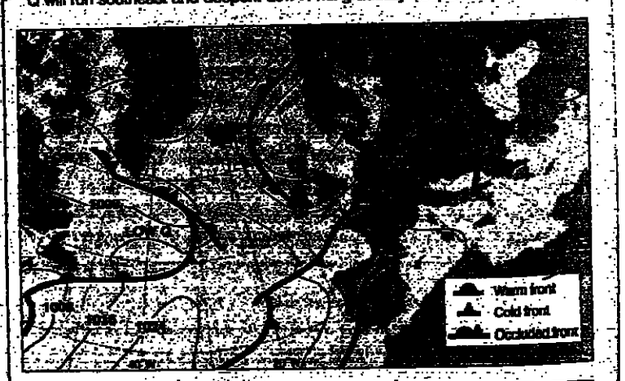
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Aspatria	4.3	0.28	12	54	r	Margate	X	0.88	11	52	r
Aviemore	0.7	0.36	9	48	r	Minehead	6.4	0.35	13	55	sh
Belfast	0.6	0.02	10	50	sh	Morecambe	5.7	0.13	12	54	r
Birmingham	4.0	0.05	13	55	s	Newcastle	4.9		13	55	b
Bognor R	6.1	1.01	13	55	b	Newquay	5.8	0.39	13	55	b
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Bristol	4.3	0.28	13	55	sh	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	5.4	0.28	12	54	sh	Oxford	3.6	0.05	13	55	sh
Clacton	0.2	0.55	11	52	r	Penzance	6.5	0.35	14	57	sh
Colwyn Bay	-	0.30	13	55	c	Plymouth	6.5	0.34	13	55	sh
Cromer	1.0	0.03	12	54	c	Poole	6.3	0.53	15	59	s
Doncaster	5.9	0.02	13	55	b	Prestatyn	X	0.46	12	54	s
Eastbourne	5.2	0.35	13	55	sh	Ross-o-wye	4.0	0.20	13	55	s
Edinburgh	4.5	0.13	13	55	sh	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	0.8	0.05	9	48	r	Salcombe	7.3	0.98	15	59	s
Exmouth	5.4	0.21	13	55	sh	Sandown	5.1	0.62	13	55	s
Falmouth	X	0.39	13	55	b	Seaton Sluice	7.0	0.27	13	55	s
Fishguard	6.5	0.46	11	52	b	Scarboro'	X				
Folkestone	4.3	0.63	12	54	r	Scilly Isles	6.2	0.22	13	55	sh
Glasgow	0.1	0.17	11	52	r	Shanklin	5.7	0.69	13	55	sh
Guernsey	X					Shrewsbury	6.1	0.01	13	55	sh
Hastings	4.8	0.55	13	55	s	Skegness	X	0.87	X	X	sh
Hayling I	X					Southend	0.8	0.67	13	55	sh
Herne Bay	1.7	0.53	11	52	sh	Southport	3.2	0.38	12	54	sh
Hove	2.9	0.39	14	57	sh	Southsea	4.7	0.43	13	55	sh
Hunstanton	1.7	0.10	11	52	sh	Stornoway	3.4	0.04	11	52	r
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	6.0	0.33	14	57	b
Isle of Man	5.2	0.10	12	54	s	Teignmouth	5.5	0.29	14	57	sh
Jersey	6.3	0.44	14	57	h	Tenby	X				
Kinloss	6.2	0.06	11	52	s	Tiree	6.5	0.41	12	54	s
Leeds	5.5	0.16	13	55	sh	Torquay	6.5	0.59	14	57	s
Lerwick	1.4	0.14	9	48	sh	Tynemouth	3.8	-	12	54	b
Leuchars	5.6	0.02	13	55	sh	Ventnor	5.4	0.46	13	55	b
Littlehmptn	5.7	1.19	13	55	sh	West-s-mare	X				
Liverpool	6.1	0.54	12	54	sh	Weymouth	6.1	0.58	14	57	h
London	2.7	0.39	13	55	sh	These are Tuesday's figures.					

Ajaccio	17	63	f	C'phagn	9	48	d	
Alicante	28	79	s	Corfu	22	72	f	
Alex'dria	28	79	f	Dublin	10	50	f	
Algiers	24	75	s	Faro	23	73	s	
Amst'dm	10	50	c	Florence	16	61	f	
Athens	24	75	s	Frankfurt	11	52	f	
Bahrain	29	84	s	Funchal	24	75	f	
Bangkok	30	86	s	Geneva	11	52	f	
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	19	66	f	
Barcelona	19	66	s	Helsinki	5	41	r	
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	26	79	s	
Belgrade	20	68	f	Innsbrck	7	45	r	
Berlin	12	54	c	Istanbul	19	66	s	
Bermuda	25	77	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	
Biarritz	13	55	c	Jo'burg	29	84	s	
Borde'x	15	59	f	Karachi	32	90	s	
Brussels	12	54	s	L Palmas	24	75	s	
Budapst	16	61	s	La Toust	12	54	s	
B Aires	22	72	c	Lisbon	18	64	c	
Cairo	29	84	f	Locarno	13	55	c	
Cape Tn	21	70	s	L Angels	19	66	s	
Chicago	7	45	c	Luxembg	9	48	f	
Ch'church	14	57	s	Luxor	36	97	f	
Cologne	12	54	c	Madrid	17	63	c	
Majorca	22	72	f	Rome	20	68	c	
Malaga	19	66	s	Salzburg	8	46	c	
Malta	23	73	f	S P'dsco	13	55	c	
Melb'rne	16	61	f	Santiago	25	77	s	
Mexico C	21	70	f	S Paulo	28	82	f	
Miami	30	86	s	Seoul	19	66	s	
Milan	14	57	f	Sing'por	28	84	c	
Montreal	11	52	f	St'holm	8	46	r	
Moscow	7	45	c	Strasb'rg	11	52	f	
Munich	11	52	f	Sydney	28	84	f	
Nairobi	25	77	f	Tangier	23	73	s	
Naples	20	68	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	f	
N Delhi	30	86	s	Tenerife	22	72	f	
N York	18	64	f	Tokyo	20	68	f	
Nice	20	68	s	Toronto	8	46	c	
Oslo	8	46	c	Tunis	25	77	s	
Paris	11	52	c	Valencia	22	72	f	
Peking	17	63	s	Vancouver	12	54	f	
Perth	19	66	s	Venice	15	59	f	
Prague	9	48	r	Vienna	11	52	c	
Reykjavik	3	37	f	Warsaw	11	52	s	
Rhodes	25	77	s	Washton	17	63	s	
Rio de J	25	77	f	Wellngton	16	61	f	
Riyadh	31	88	s	Zurich	9	48	c	

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: low K will drift east and continue to fill. Low Q will run southeast and deepen. Low R will gradually deepen and move east



	AM HT	PM HT		TODAY	AM HT	PM HT
TODAY						
Loydon Bridge	5.48 8.2	6.07 8.0		Liverpool	3.30 7.5	9.52 7.8
Aberdeen	5.59 3.5	6.21 3.5		Lowestoft	1.32 2.3	2.31 2.1
Avonmouth	11.06 10.3	13.35 9.6		Margate	3.54 4.1	4.42 4.0
Belfast	3.29 3.0	3.53 3.2		Milford Haven	10.51 5.6	11.05 5.1
Cardiff	10.49 9.65	11.22 9.17		Newquay	9.25 5.5	10.04 5.3
Devonport	9.54 4.6	10.25 4.3		Oban	9.53 3.2	10.38 2.9
Dover	2.48 3.7	3.14 3.5		Portsmouth	9.06 4.8	9.39 4.3
Falmouth	9.24 4.4	9.55 4.1		Portland	10.12 1.6	11.05 1.4
Glasgow	5.13 4.1	5.25 4.5		Portsmouth	9.32 4.1	3.46 4.0
Harwich	3.54 3.5	4.20 3.4		Shoreham	3.05 5.0	3.30 4.9
Holyhead	2.42 4.5	3.04 4.6		Southampton	3.07 3.9	3.30 3.8
Hull	10.41 5.83	10.59 5.84		Swansea	10.35 7.4	11.12 7.1
Ilfracombe	10.04 7.22	10.45 6.87		Tees	8.24 4.3	8.44 4.3
King's Lynn	10.46 -5.0	10.59 -5.1		Wilton-on-Nse	3.42 3.7	4.22 3.5
Leith	7.07 4.7	7.29 4.6				

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Sun rises: 8.45 am
Sun sets: 4.44 pm
London 4.44 pm to 8.47 am
Bristol 4.53 pm to 8.56 am
Edinburgh 4.44 pm to 7.31 am
Manchester 4.47 pm to 7.00 pm
Penzance 5.09 pm to 7.05 am

Moon sets 1.07 pm
Moonrises 11.01 pm

Last quarter today

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Gas market reform on front burner

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is to press ahead with legislation to open up Britain's domestic gas market. Ministers agreed the move earlier this week, and it is likely to be approved by the full Cabinet, probably today, for inclusion in the Government's programme of legislation to be outlined in the Queen's Speech next month.

Whitehall officials have completed drafting a Bill to introduce greater competition in the domestic gas market, which the Government wants to see brought in on a phased basis from April 1996, with gas customers across the country being offered services by competing suppliers from 1998.

Giving evidence to the Commons Select Committee on Trade and Industry yesterday, Tim Eggar, the energy minister, made clear that he could not pre-empt what might be in the Queen's Speech, but told members: "The Government intends, subject to passage of the necessary legislation, to introduce competition into domestic market progressively from April 1996."

Inclusion of a gas Bill in the Queen's Speech was made easier when a second industry Bill, on Post Office privatisation, failed to win approval on Monday from the Cabinet's industrial sub-committee.

The Government has agreed with Ofgas, the gas industry regulator, and British Gas the first real steps towards greater competition in advance of the gas Bill receiving Cabinet approval.

Clare Spottiswoode, director-general of gas supply, told the Commons committee yesterday that two pilot schemes would be mounted in which all those affected would be able to obtain gas from a full range of suppliers as well as from British Gas.

The first year-long pilot would start in April 1996 in a so far unspecified area of Britain, and would open the market for 500,000 customers as the first real test of greater competition. This would be followed by a second, much larger pilot in 1997, ahead of the move to more open markets in April 1998, which would offer choice to two million customers, probably in more than one area of the country.

The Bill will include a requirement on British Gas and other independent gas companies wishing to enter the market to meet social obligations on debt and disconnections of supply, on the elderly and the disabled, and on advice on energy usage.

While theoretically it might be possible under the envisaged contract system for customers to switch from supplier to supplier as often as they wished, most suppliers would be looking for longer-term relationships. However, it is likely to provide for customers to sign up with gas brokers, who would offer to find — perhaps even on a day-by-day basis — the cheapest source of gas to switch into people's homes.

Ms Spottiswoode told MPs that she accepted that it would take time for British Gas's market share to be eroded even below 90 per cent. It would be a "disaster" if the Bill were not to go ahead, she indicated.

British Gas is satisfied with the proposed legislation. Richard Giordano, the company chairman, told MPs that, while it was not happy with every part of the legislation drafted by the Department of Trade and Industry — which British Gas has clearly seen — the company believed that it created the level playing field that was the company's objective.

Mr Giordano indicated that the gas market is unlikely to be fully competitive until well into the next century. The forecast came as his company indicated that it is likely to raise its overall consumer prices and standing charges by about the level of inflation, while the regulator suggested that competition would force standing charges down.

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Bonds suffer on gilts auction

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH government bonds, bruised by much weaker than expected demand at yesterday's gilts auction, suffered fresh losses in spite of more stable conditions across the Atlantic.

Long-dated bonds slumped to losses of ½ point after news that the £2.5 billion auction of 8 per cent gilts maturing in 2000 had only been "covered" or received bids totalling 1.2 times the auction amount.

This is the weakest demand since January's gilt auction. Gilt-edged market-makers attributed poor demand to a combination of uncertainty about the bond market in America and the weak dollar, concern about price intentions in Tuesday's CBI surveys, which may strengthen the Bank of England's case for another rate rise, and discomfort among foreign investors about the Government's political woes.

The gilt market yesterday did significantly worse than the Treasury bond market, which was trading broadly unchanged at mid-session on Wall Street. All bond markets are now looking to tomorrow's all-important third-quarter US gross domestic product figures. Dealers are hoping for signs that successive US interest rate rises this year have slowed down the pace of the economic recovery and so limited future inflationary pressures.

There was some cheer yesterday from a small 0.1 per cent rise in US durable goods orders in September. There was also positive news from Germany that the annual rate of inflation had slowed to 2.8 per cent in October from 3 per cent in September.

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PETER TRIEVNOR

Incredible bulk: Geoff Brown, who pocketed £5 million when CentreGold was floated. The company is buying Core Design

Golden deals at CentreGold

CENTREGOLD, the computer games producer, has created its second millionaire in less than a year (Rodney Hobson writes). It is paying Jeremy Smith, managing director of Core Design, £5.3 million for the company he founded in 1988. Mr Smith will take £2.9 million in cash and 2.7 million shares in CentreGold. He will join the board of US Gold, CentreGold's subsidiary.

CentreGold was floated last October. Geoff Brown, its founder, pocketed £5 million in cash and retained shares worth a further £17.5 million at the placing price of 125p. The final dividend is 1.6p, making a total of 2.4p.

Executive windfall looms

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

EXECUTIVES of East Midlands Electricity, one of the 12 privatised electricity distribution companies in England and Wales, will boost the value of their already lucrative share options overnight if shareholders approve the £187 million special bonus dividend proposed this week.

As part of the package, the company's share capital is being slimmed down and shareholders will be issued with 22 new shares for every 25 held. This would theoretically raise the value of the shares by reducing the number in issue.

However, the latest report and accounts show that 37 directors and managers hold a total of 862,000 options, exercisable at prices ranging from 269p to 637p and all showing a profit on yesterday's price of 659p. East Midlands refuses to say just who holds the options or at what price they can be exercised. But the consolidation is expected to raise the value of those options if is is voted ahead by shareholders.

A company source dismissed the matter as "supposition" and "pure conjecture", saying the value of the shares would not be known until the scheme had been completed. The situation is not covered by guidelines on executive share option scheme issued by the Association of British Insurers, the City shareholder body.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	2999.9	(–1.0)
Yield	4.23%	
FT-SE A All share	1496.60	(–1.14)
Nikkei	19746.35	(+14.20)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3839.48	(–11.10)*
S&P Composite	461.34	(–0.18)*

BONDS

Federal Funds	4¾%*	(4¾%)
Long Bond	93²⁸/₃₂*	(93²⁸/₃₂)
Yield	8.07%*	(8.05%)

EURO-CURRENCY

3-mth interbank	5¹⁵/₁₆%	(5¹⁵/₁₆%)
Ltffe long gilt future (Dec)	99²⁶/₃₂	(99²⁵/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5325*	(1.5360)
London:		
$	1.6337	(1.6360)
DM	2.4411	(2.4463)
FFr	8.3580	(8.3755)
SFr	2.0385	(2.0401)
Yen	158.47	(158.63)
£ Index	80.5	(80.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4945*	(1.4987)
FFr	5.1203*	(5.1225)
SFr	1.2491*	(1.2492)
Yen	97.02*	(96.83)
$ Index	80.7	(80.6)

Tokyo close Yen 96.94

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan) $16.60 ($16.45)

GOLD

London close $388.95 ($389.35)

* denotes midday trading price

Wage surprise

Britain cannot compete with low-wage economies by driving down its own wage levels, Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, said yesterday. It was his first major pronouncement on British labour market issues since taking over at the Department of Employment Page 26

Sock buy

Sock Shop, one of the star performers in the retail sector during the 1980s, has been acquired by Stephen Hinchliffe, the Sheffield entrepreneur. It his second recent retail deal. Page 27

Prudential hit by sharp slide in pension sales

BY ROBERT MILLER AND PATRICIA TEHAN

PUBLIC anxiety about the widespread mis-selling of personal pensions was blamed for a sharp downturn in new business by Prudential Corporation, Britain's biggest insurance company.

The downturn was revealed as the TSB set up a taskforce to investigate the mis-selling of pension transfers in the wake of the publication on Tuesday of a critical report on pension sales by the Securities and Investments Board.

The Prudential said sales of certain key savings products, such as annual premium life and pensions business, fell 8 per cent in the first nine months of the year to £203 million. Sales of single premium individual pensions fell 30 per cent to £211 million. Sales of annual premium individual pensions also declined 6 per cent to £88 million.

In the key pension transfer market, which covers people who leave occupational schemes and transfer the money into a personal pension plans, the insurer reported a 77 per cent slump in sales from £268 million to £151 million.



Newmarch: 'holding up'

Mick Newmarch, group chief executive of the Prudential, said: "Our UK sales are, I believe, holding up well in a problematic market, while the results from our US operations are very encouraging."

Charles Landa, an insurance analyst at SG-ST, the broker, believes that the fall-out from the SIB's report will continue to affect the sale of such plans. Peter Ellwood, chief executive of TSB, said that John Elbourne, the director responsible for retail banking operations, would head a special project to investigate 55,000 cases where customers were persuaded to move out of occupational schemes into personal pension plans instead.

TSB has made a significant provision against possible compensation payments for pension transfers, although Mr Ellwood refused to reveal the amount of money set aside for "competitive reasons".

Mr Newmarch was yesterday granted options over 140,500 ordinary Prudential shares at an exercise price of 296p a share. This brings the total number of shares over which he holds options to more than 800,000.

On Tuesday, hours before the SIB report was published, Mr Newmarch sold a parcel of shares over which he held options and earned a profit of more than £200,000.

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Makers of Gauloises to be sold

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE French government has decided to sell the maker of Gauloises and Gitanes cigarettes. Edmond Alphandéry, the Economy Minister, yesterday said he was inviting French and foreign banks to tender for the job of advising on the sale of Société Nationale d'Exploitation Industrielle des Tabacs et Allumettes (Seita), the country's profitable tobacco monopoly.

Last year, Seita increased its net profit by 31 per cent to Fr585 million, on a turnover of Fr14.1 billion.

BAT, the British tobacco group, already has partnership deals with Seita, as too has Rothmans. But Seita's management is understood to oppose them acquiring any substantial equity stake in the company, the market value of which is put at up to Fr8 billion.

M Alphandéry also put a guideline price of Fr163 to Fr178 per share on the tranche of Renault shares reserved for institutional investors.

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Personnel chiefs keep on top of inflation

BY PHILIP BASSETT

PERSONNEL directors are receiving pay rises higher than inflation — and higher than those they are awarding to employees, a new pay survey shows today. The findings will embarrass personnel leaders, who are under pressure in most companies to bring down the level of pay settlements.

The annual study of personnel pay, published at the start of the annual conference of the Institute of Personnel and Development, in Harrogate, shows that the pay of personnel directors rose by 3.5 per cent over the last 12 months. As well as being more than twice the inflation rate during the period, this increase is considerably higher than the rises awarded by personnel directors to employees across the economy.

Independent pay analysts suggest that pay rises for employees generally during the period were about 2 per cent, though most accept that settlements are now starting to edge up.

The study, carried out by the Reward pay group, acknowledges that "it is all the more important that the personnel function, and those responsible for negotiating and setting pay, work to keep pay rises at or below the rate of inflation". Looking at a sample of almost 7,400 personnel specialists, it shows that across personnel in general, pay rose by 3 per cent — exactly in line with forecasts in last year's study.

The increase follows rises of 4 and 6.6 per cent in the previous two years, and the Reward report says "it is almost inconceivable today to think in terms of pay increases at that level".

Personnel specialists, including directors, are forecasting rises for themselves this year of 3 per cent, which the Reward study says is in line with forecast increases for employees throughout the economy.

The survey shows that personnel directors' annual basic pay median is currently £47,000, although the cash value of their package, including bonuses, profit-shares, health insurance, cars and other benefits, is much higher, at £70,680. For personnel managers, the median basic pay of £28,450 rises to £39,598 when their full package is taken into account.

Personnel directors' remuneration is roughly 10 per cent behind that for other directors, the survey shows, while personnel managers' pay is higher than their equivalent management colleagues — 2.5 to 5.1 per cent higher.

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Portillo unveils vision of a high-wage Britain

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN cannot compete with low-wage economies by driving down its own wage levels, Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Portillo's statement — his first major pronouncement on UK labour market issues since taking over at Employment in the summer — is likely to confound some of his political opponents in its assertion of the importance to Britain of high wages.

Addressing the annual conference of the Institute of Personnel and Development, in Harrogate, Mr Portillo said that the challenge for Britain was to create not just jobs, important though that was, but also wealth and prosperity — with the objective of an economy rich enough to deliver wages high enough to sustain good living standards and public services and to raise the quality of life.

In an important intervention in the argument about how Britain can best compete with emerging economies, he said: "Low wage economies present formidable competition. Their wages are so much lower than ours that we cannot hope to compete by driving down our wage levels." Instead, he said, Britain had to do something different. Britain had to "climb the ladder of technology" and enhance its competitive edge through creating products that owed more to "human knowledge than to human muscle".

Setting out his "vision" of the UK labour market, Mr Portillo emphasised that the objective had to be a high-wage rather than a low-wage economy. He also said that "high wages have to be earned". If people were paid more than the value they added to their businesses, their employers' and the country's competitive position would be worsened.

Britain's future lay in providing goods and services that have high added value because of their technology, design or innovation: "The aim must be a highly motivated workforce, where the individual is rewarded for skill and productivity."

Mr Portillo accepted that that emerging economies had the advantage of low wages and even lower non-wage costs, while the developed world retained an advantage in terms of the skills and knowledge of its workforce. While such economies offered a competitive threat, they also held out the prospect of new and expanding markets.

But such competition was not standing still. Many emerging economies were placing great emphasis on the skills and knowledge of their own workforces, and, accordingly, Britain and the rest of Europe needed to raise their own still further, as well as keeping costs firmly under control.

He said his message was that there could be high employment and pay, "provided that British industry is flexible and adapts, and provided that the British workforce is flexible and adapts too". Mr Portillo said flexible labour markets were the best way to create jobs, and again attacked regulation from Brussels, which was set to diminish the freedom to work flexibly.

He made clear that he was not opposed to all regulation, in particular high standards of protection in welfare, health and safety and sexual and racial discrimination. He urged personnel managers to invest productively in development of their staff, including drawing on the skills and capabilities of the unemployed, and promoting the training business required.



SeaPerfect, the seafood supplier headed by Sir David Orr, chairman, left, and William Lord-Butcher, chief executive, is seeking a share listing in London. The company, with operations in Chile and America, sold 14.2 million scallops and 2.2 million clams in the first eight months of the current year and forecasts a maximum pre-tax loss of £1 million for 1994. The shares will be priced on November 8.

Names seek legal view on Lloyd's rule plan

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM) is seeking counsel's opinion on whether Lloyd's of London can retrospectively alter rules so that it receives directly any court awards to litigating names.

Lloyd's intends to change rules on names' premium trust deeds so that names discharge their debts to Lloyd's first before receiving any money left over. Lloyd's fears that some names will not pay their debts, leaving other names to foot the bill.

Sir David Berriman, ALM chairman, yesterday said that the issue was dividing members. "I am unequivocally unhappy about paying somebody else's losses if they can pay," he said. "But there are ways and means of Lloyd's achieving their aim, and retrospective legislation is not the way."

Sir David last night met David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, to call for a more balanced plan, and the ALM and the LNAWP action group alliance are seeking counsel's opinion.

Earlier, Sir David said he was concerned about tax implications of the rule change and that Lloyd's would rank before names' other creditors, all vying for litigation proceeds.

"Quite a lot of names have borrowed money from banks, building societies and even from relatives," he said. "Names may have debts that have not been met when the recoveries come in. It is inequitable if Lloyd's takes legal preference over other creditors."

It is feared that names who have offset all their tax losses against other income will be taxed in full on court recoveries after any payment to stop-loss underwriters.

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Qantas float 'behind grounding of air pact'

THE planned flotation of Qantas, the Australian national carrier in which British Airways has a 25 per cent stake, is the "real issue" behind Canberra's decision to freeze plans to open Australian skies to Air New Zealand, Jim Bolger, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said. His comments followed a surprise decision by the Australian government to put on hold the single Australasian aviation market that was supposed to come into force next Tuesday.

Mr Bolger said Australia had apparently concluded that having Air New Zealand, in which Qantas has a 19 per cent stake, competing in its domestic market would be unhelpful to the A$2.5 billion (£1.1 billion) flotation. The sell-off, in which BA is the designated foreign airline partner, is expected early next year. Mr Bolger said he wanted his Transport Minister to take the matter further with Australia and clear up "elements of misunderstanding". Australia had accused New Zealand of reneging on its side of the "trans-Tasman" deal by failing to adopt central conditions.

Procter & Gamble ahead

PROCTER & Gamble, the US household products group, lifted third-quarter net profits by 18 per cent, to $792 million, or $1.12 a share, on revenues up by 8 per cent, to $8.16 billion, for the period, the start of P&G's financial year. Edwin Artzt, chief executive, said that the improvement reflected strong worldwide volume growth and good cost control. Acquisitions, net of divestments, contributed three percentage points to volume growth. Net earnings in America rose by 12 per cent, with gains in the cleaning, paper and food sectors.

Porton recommends bid

PORTON International, the biotechnology company, is recommending a £65.5 million takeover bid by Beaufour Ibsen, a family-owned French pharmaceutical company. Backed by Porton's management, Beaufour has set up a new company, Speywood, to make the bid, which values Porton shares at £13.40 each. The highest the shares, which are listed on the 4.2 market, have reached in recent months is £8.50. Earlier this year Porton gave up hopes of obtaining a full listing. Speywood has acceptances in respect of 66 per cent of Porton.

Kwik-Fit in £21m deal

KWIK-FIT Holdings is buying Superdrive Motoring Centres, a chain of 125 tyre and exhaust fitting centres, from Shell Petroleum for £21.5 million. The deal takes Kwik-Fit's outlets to almost 800. Superdrive's outlets are mainly in the south of England. In 1993, the business incurred operating losses of £3.4 million on £41.7 million turnover. Net assets at December 31 were £19.5 million. Kwik-Fit is paying £9.5 million cash and will repay inter-company debt of £12 million on completion, funded from existing resources.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.34	2.15
Austria Sch	18.18	16.68
Belgium Fr	53.49	49.09
Canada $	2.311	2.151
Cyprus Cypf	0.782	0.732
Denmark Kr	10.15	9.35
Finland Mkk	8.04	7.34
France Fr	8.86	8.16
Germany Dm	2.60	2.39
Greece Dr	392.00	367.00
Hong Kong $	13.28	12.28
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2585.00	2440.00
Japan Yen	173.50	156.50
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	2.888	2.653
Norway Kr	11.22	10.42
Portugal Esc	260.00	241.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.45
Spain Pta	211.00	197.00
Sweden Kr	12.15	11.35
Switzerland Fr	2.19	2.01
Turkey Lira	refer	58097.0
USA $	1.733	1.603

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Regulate directors more, says banker

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

LORD Alexander of Weedon, chairman of National Westminster Bank, called for increased regulation of company directors to help to stem the number of business failures.

Addressing the Insolvency Lawyers' Association last night, Lord Alexander said: "It is an alarming fact that one in four directors of currently active companies has been involved with a company which has failed in the past six years."

Increased regulation could raise the standards of management and accountability.

NatWest research had shown that lack of financial skills and financial information was the single largest cause of failure for small businesses, he said. In 20 per cent of all compulsory liquidations, there was evidence of unfit conduct by directors.

He said that in the six years to 1993 evidence of unfitness was identified by the Insolvency Service in 28,000 cases, involving 43,000 directors, but there were only 1,712 disqualifications. Many considered that the legislation was not proving successful in putting unfit directors out of action.

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The Gas Bill cometh

☐ A SERIES of unholy alliances between British Gas and Ofgas, the Gas Consumers Council and the Consumers' Association, HMG and the Labour party and, of course, the independent gas suppliers, appears to have brought about a result. All, of late, have clamoured for the introduction of competition into the domestic gas market and, lo and behold, provisions for a new Gas Bill are now expected to be included in the Queen's Speech.

Cracks in such alliances have, mercifully, started to show, courtesy of the evidence-gathering sessions of the Trade and Industry Select Committee, chaired by Richard Caborn. Yesterday, it was the turn of Richard Giordano, chairman of British Gas, and Clare Spottiswoode, director-general of Ofgas, to be cross questioned, prior to the appearance of Tim Eggar, energy minister.

Caborn, addressing Giordano, lost no time in homing in on the political conundrum.

Q: What is your estimate of how many losers there will be on deregulation of the market?

Giordano: We do not know. To the extent that people change their method of payment, they will enjoy discounts.

What, inquired Caborn, would be the worst case scenario? What if there was no further appreciation of the delights — which British Gas is working on — of direct debit payments?

Giordano's message was that a "fair number of people, in the millions" would suffer a "modest" price increase. Asked to elaborate on the word "modest", Giordano predicted "something close to the rate of inflation." He also pointed out that alterations, reflecting transportation charges, could be expected next year in the order of plus or minus 2 per cent. This, Giordano stressed, was not a prophecy of what would happen to prices come the advent of competition. "Competitive tactics" will eventually out.

On the ticklish subject of the course of British Gas's £37 standing charge, Giordano looks for a similarly "modest" increase. Not the 10 per cent referred to by the Consumer Council? "Not a chance" retorted Giordano.

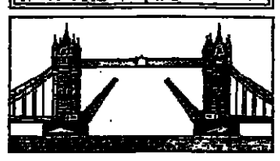
British Gas argues that the value of its transportation and asset base (critical because it provides the "rate" base on which permitted rates of return are computed) is audited and effectively immutable. The independents want the value cut, while Ms Spottiswoode appears prepared to let the matter take its chance at the forthcoming review of transportation and storage prices. British Gas, understandably, wants a level playing field for all suppliers. Ofgas also favours a level playing field, other than in respect of "dominance".

Giordano acknowledged that it could take until the 21st century for competition to penetrate the market fully. Delaying the Bill, according to Ms Spottiswoode, would be a "disaster". John Major is presumably tired of disasters.

Another soft option

☐ JUST when you thought clever corporate financiers had worked out every possibly wrinkle, fiddle and loophole to narrow the gap between their clients and riches, along comes another one. East Midlands Electricity has, quite innocently, thrown up an ingenious new system for inflating the value of corporate share options.

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East Midlands was merely trying to spread to subscribers to the company's share save scheme the munificence with which it rewarded its shareholders earlier this week. While investors were given an 85p-a-share handout, tax paid, the value of the shares held on behalf of the 4,000-plus employees in the share-save scheme was simultaneously inflated by means of a share consolidation. All right for investors, and all right for the workers, although a cynic might ask, what about the customers? But the consolidation equally served to inflate the value of the raft of executive share options that the board held, even though recent abrupt departures from East Midlands' board mean their value is rather less than at most other regional electricity companies.

The increase in value is, theoretically, just 13 per cent. Better than nothing. But what about some other company whose shares languish at, say, £1, against an option price of £2? A quick one-for-ten consolidation and they are presumably worth £10, and directors are in the money. The practice, theoretically, is not contrary to any City code of behaviour. The only possible guard against the scheme is the vigilance of the shareholders.

Gilding the gilts market

☐ OVERSEAS investors were notable for their absence at yesterday's gilts auction. There are many disincentives which the Bank of England has little control over. Fear is still raging about American monetary policy and the cult of global diversification has been in reverse since the start of this year's bear market.

The British market, despite a good performance by sterling, has its own negatives. There is speculation that Eddie George and Kenneth Clarke may decide on another base rate rise next week. There may even be an element of dissatisfaction among foreigners about the Government's sleaze troubles — although sensitivity to such things would rule out the bond markets of most countries.

There are two aspects of the current gilt market over which the Bank does have control. One is where it funds along the yield curve. Recently, it has been concentrating on the short end. This area saw huge buying in the bond bubble late last year by banks, hedge funds, overseas investors and market-makers but all four have since been selling like crazy.

The current tactics are expensive and it must be worrying that even a real yield of 6.9 per cent on short gilts attracted only desultory demand even from domestic investors yesterday.

The other action the Bank could take to deepen liquidity in the market and make it more attractive, particularly to overseas investors, would be to introduce a gilts repo market. Talk is that the Bank of England is even now consulting market-makers about this.

Under this system — already well established elsewhere — investors can place gilts with the Bank and receive cash in return. This would be useful to foreign investors seeking to balance out their sterling borrowings and adds flexibility to the market.

Some took the Bank's decision to fix the same coupon dates for the last two auctions as a sign of action soon, perhaps in the Budget. Others doubt it will come that soon. Nevertheless, the Bank is under pressure to make the gilt market more attractive.

Seafood surprise

☐ GIVEN the fragile state of the new issues market, it takes cheek to float a company that has made losses in each of the last three years and cannot see its way to a profit in the current year. Step forward SeaPerfect, a distributor of scallops and clams.

Investors with a taste for seafood may turn a blind eye to the trading record, but special attention should be paid to the risks outlined in the pathfinder prospectus. These include pollution, disease, the weather, predators, and theft. And severe indigestion, perhaps.

Sock Shop added to Hinchliffe's empire

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

SOCK Shop, one of the star performers in the retail sector during the 1980s, has been acquired by Stephen Hinchliffe, the flamboyant Sheffield entrepreneur.

The deal is his second retail acquisition in less than three months. In August, he bought Salisburys, the accessories-to-luggage chain, from Signet for £3.2 million, and yesterday he said further deals were in the pipeline. The enlarged group already has sales in excess of £100 million, making it one of the largest privately owned retail businesses in the country.

Salisbury Stores Ltd, the company set up by Mr Hinchliffe to buy Salisburys, is acquiring 100 per cent of the share capital of Sock Shop from its insitutional investors led by Murray Johnstone, the development capital group. In exchange, the investors will receive newly issued convertible preference shares in Salisbury Stores.

Mr Hinchliffe said he was confident he could significantly improve Sock Shop's performance. The company has made losses in the past two years, although it is expected to break even this year. He believes there are substantial merger benefits to be had from combining the business with Salisburys, both from cost savings and from cross-fertilisation of merchandise. "We are talking a seven-figure sum," he said.

New products are to be added to Sock Shop outlets, including lighters, pens and gifts made by Colibri Lighters, another of Mr Hinchliffe's businesses. He said: "When you go into a Sock Shop in future, you won't just be looking at knickers and hosiery."

Mr Hinchliffe, a former chairman of James Wilkes, the Sheffield engineer, is no stranger to retailing. In 1987, he joined a management buy-out of Wades department stores, which was turned round and later sold.

He hit the headlines in 1991 when he was arrested, then released without charge, in a fraud squad inquiry over a property deal. He left James Wilkes in 1992 with a £533,000 pay-off in the middle of a hostile bid from Petrocon. In the same year, he was ousted from the board of Lynx Holdings, the leisure and computer services group, after institutional pressure.

Mr Hinchliffe plans to float his retailing empire on the stock market in the next few years. If he succeeds, it will be Sock Shop's second outing as a public company. Sophie Mirman and Richard Ross, its founders, came to the market in 1987 on the back of the niche retailing boom in the late 1980s. The company soared only to come crashing down to earth as recession and over-ambitious expansion in the US took its toll. Administrators were appointed in February 1990 and a new management team backed by Murray Johnstone bought the company five months later for £3.5 million.

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Moger Woolley, left, chairman of BM, with Alan Hickes, finance director

BM to become Brunel

BY RODNEY HOBSON

BM Group, which disclosed pre-tax losses of £71.5 million yesterday, proposes to change its name to Brunel Holdings to wipe away memories of what Moger Woolley, the chairman, describes as "the traumas of the last few years" (Rodney Hobson writes).

The new name also reflects the engineering bias of the continuing operations at the group after a sell-off of businesses that has cut borrowings from £160 million to £40 million in 15 months.

The first step towards living up to the name of Isambard Kingdom Brunel will be to restart the payment of dividends on the preference shares in the financial year to next June plus the payment of last year's arrears.

Cliff Walker, chief executive, said: "We thought of the name ourselves so it did not cost us huge amounts of money to go out and ask a consultant to do it for us."

Latest pre-tax losses included £67.2 million of exceptional charges, mainly from disposals. In the previous 12 months, the loss was £116.6 million, including £102.8 million of exceptionals. Mr Walker said that the board had drawn up a budget that would generate cash.

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Boeing is braced for 15% fall in jet sales

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

BOEING, the US aircraft manufacturer, has budgeted for a 15 per cent decline in sales this year to about $21.5 billion, Frank Shrontz, chairman and chief executive, said yesterday.

The company yesterday blamed a decline in commercial aircraft deliveries and lower corporate investment income for a fall in third-quarter net profits to $185 million, or 54 cents a share, from $189 million, or 56 cents, in the third quarter of 1993. Sales fell to $5.06 billion, from $5.15 billion a year ago.

For the first nine months of this year, Boeing's net income fell by 26 per cent, to $699 million, or $2.05 a share, from $940 million, or $2.77 a share, during the same period a year ago. Sales shrank to $16.8 billion, from $19.8 billion this time last year.

Mr Shrontz said that commercial jet transport deliveries totalled 214 in the first nine months and are projected to reach 265 aircraft by the year end, against 330 in 1993.

Next year, the company said, sustained US growth, development of Asian markets and the end of the European recession should help growth in the commercial jet market.

Ford races ahead with gains in US and Europe

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

FORD, America's second-largest car manufacturer behind General Motors, more than doubled profits in the third quarter, with record earnings of $1.12 billion for the three months to September 30.

Last year's third-quarter profits were $463 million. Earnings per share rose to $1.04, from 40 cents, and revenues rose by 25 per cent, to $30.6 billion.

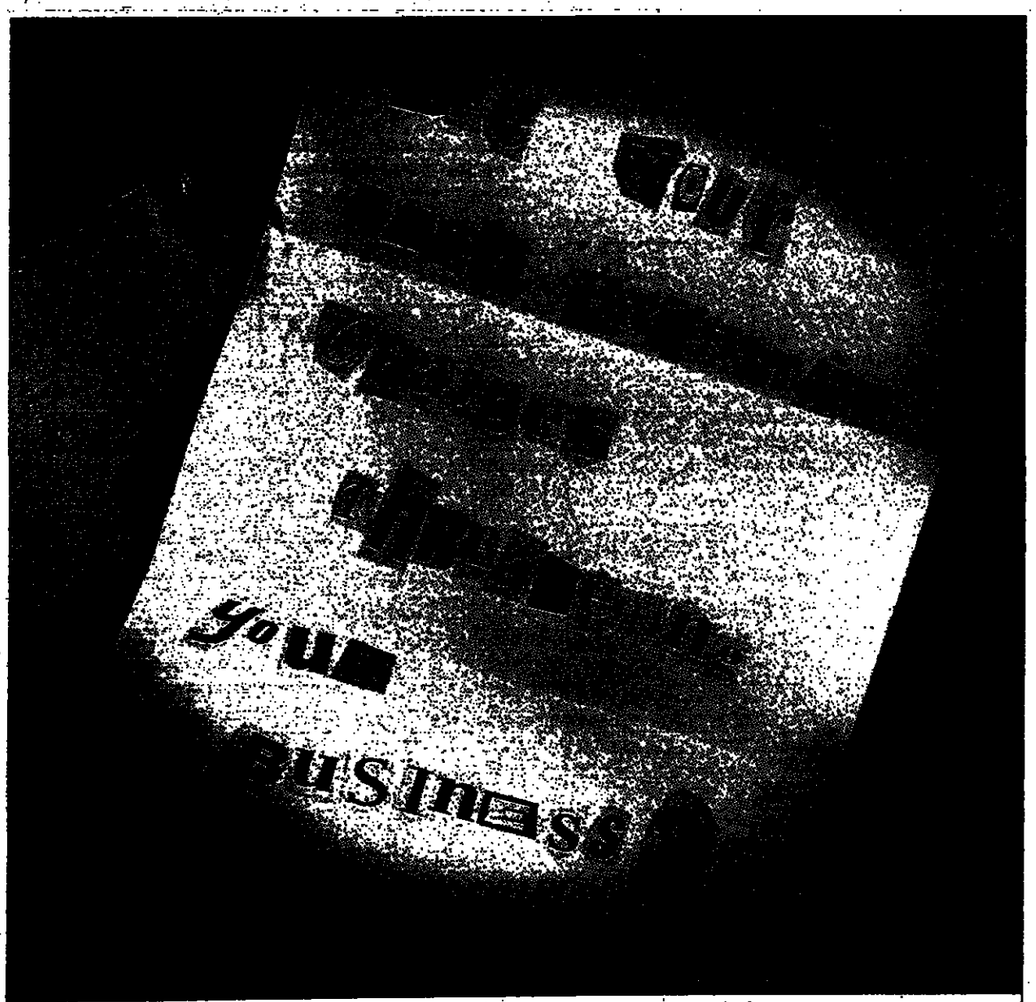
Ford said that it was showing gains in the crucial US domestic market, with earnings of $578 million, against $333 in last year's period, but it also pointed to a turnround in international operations, which showed a profit of $23 million, against a loss of $261 million.

Alex Trotman, chairman, said that Ford's operations in Europe had driven the swing back into the black, going from a $217 million loss to a $25 million profit. "Europe is in the early stages of economic recovery, and we expect to see continued improvements in most countries," he said.

For the first nine months, Ford earned $3.7 billion, or $3.50 a share, against $1.8 billion, or $1.62 a share, a year ago. Revenue rose to $94.8 billion, against $80.7 billion in 1993.

Executives said that they expect 1994 US industry sales of 15.5 million cars and trucks, up from 14.2 million last year.

Mr Trotman said: "We're preparing for the future by driving for improved efficiency, lower cost and ever-improving quality of our products and services in all of our established markets."



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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Investors dash for cover amid worries of volatility

IT WAS a close run thing, but share prices failed to hold above the 3,000 level after seeing a lead of almost 30 points *wiped out* by weaker European bond markets.

A disappointing response to the latest gilt auction, which was only narrowly covered, *started the rot as investors* scuttled for cover. The FT-SE 100 index ended 1.0 down at 2,999.9 having been 28.8 points up earlier on the back of a *futures-inspired* rally and a steadier performance by the dollar on world markets.

Once again, trading conditions were thin, with investors apprehensive about renewed volatility in financial markets generally. A cautious start to trading in New York reflected concern about tomorrow's gross domestic product figures, which it is feared could trigger another rise in US interest rates.

It was a day of mixed fortunes for the financial sector, with life assurance companies rallying, helped by a few cheap buyers after this week's critical SIB report about private pension funds. **Britannic** rose 3p to 407p, **Legal & General** 5p to 433p, and ***Lloyds Abbey*** *10p to 336p.* **Prudential Corporation** also advanced 10p to 308p, supported by the latest new business figures.

TSB Group *fell 5p to 213p as* Smith New Court, the broker, placed a large line of stock in the market place. It paid 210p for a parcel of 5.7 million, which it then placed with various institutions at 212p.

SG Warburg, the merchant bank, saw its price drop 14p to 600p as rumours swept the market that it had begun laying off staff. The company said that there was no truth in the story. Earlier this month, Warburg issued a profits warning reflecting the low level of turnover experienced this year in the stock market and the lack of corporate business.

Food retailers suffered an early markdown as Morgan Stanley, *the* US *securities* house, downgraded the sector after becoming even more concerned about prospects and the escalating price war.

Nick Bubb, *an analyst*, said: "We are taking a long-term view of things and feel nervous about the way they are developing. Tesco certainly started *something last month* with its new price promotion." J Sainsbury appears to have remained calm on the surface about the *intensification of the* price war, but Mr Bubb says that is likely to be short-lived and he expects David Sainsbury, chairman and chief executive, *to hit back* before too long.



David Sainsbury, of J Sainsbury, may hit back in price war

Tesco, 1p lighter at 232p, and **Asda**, ½p cheaper at 61½p, are still regarded a hold, but *Sainsbury, 2p better at* 386p, and **Kwik Save**, 5p down at 545p, have been relegated from a hold to a sell. Both companies are due to report figures next week. Mr Bubb said: "I don't imagine they will have much positive to say."

BP firmed 2p to 413½p before third-quarter figures on Tuesday that are expected to show a healthy increase in net income of about 12 per cent to £371 million. Brokers are forecasting an improved performance *on the previous quarter* from all three divisions. **Shell** rose 7p to 701p.

Profit-taking left the electricity distributors lower on the day. ***East Midland*** *dropped* 15p to 659p, **Eastern** 12½p to 742p, **London** 17p to 695p, **Manweb** 14p to 785p, **Midlands** 4p to 741p, **Norweb** 16p *to 781p,* ***Seeboard*** *10p to 412p,* ***South Wales*** *10p to 780p,* **Southern** 6p to 759p, and **Yorkshire** 10p to 717p.

The construction sector was depressed by the uncertain outlook for interest rates. There were losses for **John Mowlem**, 4p to 102p, **Caradon**, 9p to 262p, **Trafalgar House**, 3½p to 81½p, and **Redland**, 5p to 449p.

Essex Furniture, the furniture retailer, jumped 3p to 145p in response to record full-year figures showing pre-tax *profits up* £400,000 at £1.4 million on sales 64 per cent ahead at £17.71 million. Shareholders are being rewarded with a 22 per cent increase in *the total dividend of 4.3p.*

During the year, the group increased its chain of stores from 15 to 22 and has since opened four in Basingstoke, Cambridge, Taunton and Leeds. It plans to open a further three before the year-end.

BM Group firmed ½p to *45p after it announced that its* long and costly restructuring programme had been completed. The news accompanied an announcement from the *group detailing further heavy* losses, new banking facilities, the acquisition of the preference share capital of its Blackwood Hodge division, and a *name change to Brunel* Holdings.

The price of the Blackwood Hodge 9 per cent preference shares dropped 26½p to 19p on *news of the bid.* BM incurred a loss last year of £71.4 million, compared with £116 million last time, but is forecasting a steady improvement in *trading during the current year.* Borrowings have been cut from £160 million to £40 million.

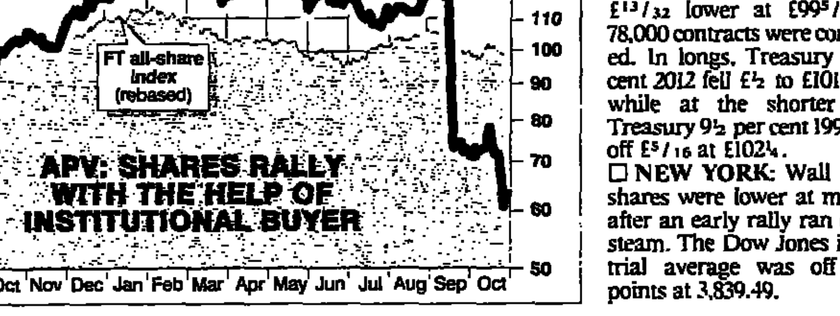
APV rallied 3p to 63½p after *hitting a new low earlier this* week in the wake of the departure of Clive Strowger as chief executive Britannic Assurance has mopped up a total *of 750,000 shares, increasing* its holding in APV to 21.3 million.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts were a touch firmer in early trading before the auction, supported by rising German bunds. But a disappointing response to the auction saw prices quickly go into reverse, to end lower on the day. *The* £2.5 billion auction of Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was just 1.2 times subscribed, falling short of most City expectations.

The December series of the Long Gilt ended the day £13/32 lower at £99 5/16 as 78,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell £½ to £101 13/16, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was off £5/16 at £102¼.

□ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares were lower at midday after an early rally ran out of steam. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 11.10 points at 3,839.49.

JAMES Capel, the broker, downgraded profits of its parent company, HSBC, 4½p up at 699½p. About 65 per cent of HSBC's *pre-tax profits are dollar denominated and its recent weakness is* bound to hurt. Capel cut its current-year forecast by £100 million to £2.98 billion and for 1995 by £120 million to £3.56 billion.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3839.49 (-11.10)
S&P Composite	461.34 (-0.18)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	19746.35 (+14.20)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	9252.44 (+5.94)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	399.15 (+0.95)

Sydney:

AO	2017.6 (-4.2)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2020.50 (+45.87)

Singapore:

Straits	2357.29 (-5.25)

Brussels:

General	7073.08 (+36.86)

Paris:

CAC-40	1831.54 (+7.12)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	631.80 (-2.10)

London:

FT 30	2298.5 (-3.3)
FT 100	2999.9 (-1.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	3467.2 (-7.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1300.71 (+4.71)
FT A All-Share	1496.60 (-1.14)
FT Non Financials	1617.18 (-2.53)
FT Gold Mines	282.0 (-4.5)
FT Fixed Interest	107.08 (-0.38)
FT Govt Secs	90.08 (-0.32)
Bargains	21224
SEAQ Volume	517.3m
USM (Datastrm)	156.84 (+0.06)
US$	1.6324 (-0.0047)
German Mark	2.4409 (-0.0021)
Exchange Index	80.5 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2761
£:SDR	1.0957
RPI	145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	5	...
Artesian Estates	66	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Ennemix (63)	67	...
Filtronic Comtek	120	+4
Games Workshop (115)	126	...
Group Dv Cap Wts	27	...
Hambros Sml Asian	58	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	27	...
Mackie Intl (180)	185	+2
Man ED & F (180)	161	+1
Prolific Inc	480	+2
Servisair (135)	146	...
Templeton Emerg New	359	+2
Templeton Emerg Wts	177	...
Whitchurch	61	...
Wrexham Water	338	-2
Wrexham Water NV	320	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

APTA Healthcare n/p (17)	¼	...
Cattles *n/p* (118)	9	...
Dragon Oil n/p (1r4p)	¼	...
Sidlaw n/p (180)	7	+2
Smurfit (J) n/p (1r330p)	28	-2
Union Square n/p (5)	¾	-¼

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

J Bibby	62p (+7p)
Abbey Panels	345p (+37p)

FALLS:

SG Warburg	600p (-14p)
Wintrust	213p (-12p)
Norweb	781p (-16p)
Haynes pub	395p (-15p)
Courtauld Text	471p (-16p)
Manweb	785p (-14p)

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TEMPUS

Life after the SIB

CONSIDERING that the Securities and Investments Board has just presented the pensions industry with a *£2 billion* compensation bill for its over-enthusiastic sales techniques, *it seems bizarre that most* of the share prices in the life assurance sector were climbing yesterday. The popularity of The Prudential was particularly bizarre since it compounded the bad news by announcing a 8 per cent fall in annual premium life *business* in the first nine months of the year.

The City has demonstrated again it prefers certainty, however grisly, to speculation. The SIB's report has allowed analysts to tentatively quantify the likely upper limit of compensation. Life assurance shares have under-*performed the market by up to* a quarter since the first rumblings of commission disclosure and pensions mis-selling emerged last year. While the total compensation bill *is* high, the damage to the life assurers will be limited. *Much of the compensation* will be paid from life funds rather than company reserves. The worst affected will be the companies with a high proportion of unit-linked business, particularly Lloyds Abbey Life. But the blow to the life assurers will be more than financial, since the compensation programme will tie *up much of their resources* just as they need to focus on sales with the advent of commission disclosure.

Life company shares are currently underpinned by their dividends, such as 5.8 per cent for the Pru and *6.2 per cent for* Legal & General. But it is difficult to imagine the cloud lifting off the sector until it has proved it can retain the confidence of investors when they learn the true cost of saving.

BM Group

GREAT financial engineers have a tendency to plummet from grace, so the directors *of BM are probably* wise in choosing to rename the company Brunel, a man better known for building bridges than balance sheets. Nevertheless, Moger Woolley and his team deserve a prize for rebuilding the battered BM engineering group. It has climbed back from virtual collapse to emerge in a state fit to trade profitably and — fingers crossed — pay a token dividend.

After shedding most of the Blackwood Hodge distribution businesses and reducing group debt by £120 million in just over a year, BM is left with six businesses capable of delivering £8-£10 million in operating profit in the current year while the interest bill has been cut to £4 *million.* The main profit earner is Mustang, its US materials handling equipment maker. BM also hopes to sell tobacco machinery in the developing world.

BM is still earning a meagre 4 per cent return on sales due to the loss-making Wadkin wood tools operation and Nettlefolds fasteners. Heavy investment over the past year should show some returns, enabling BM to double its margin over the next two years. *Assuming* profits of £8 million in 1996, BM shares are trading on about ten times earnings. Hardly expensive, and having *repaired the balance* sheet, the company has no need to dilute the recovery with a rights issue.



Rentokil

THE clutch of modest deals announced by Rentokil yes-*terday shows that the group's* basic management philosophy remains unchanged in spite of disappointing interim figures in August.

The group's strategy is to squeeze costs at existing businesses while raising charges to customers in line with inflation, so improving mar-*gins. Organic revenue* growth can expect to run comfortably into double figures. Meanwhile, the hefty cash inevitably thrown off *from such a services-oriented* business is used on small infill acquisitions, like yesterday's, that provide the rest of the desired boost to turnover.

The shares currently sell at 19 times this year's earnings and 17 times 1995 prospects. However, *the* market believes Clive Thompson, *Rentokil's chief executive, is* heading for disappointment at some stage. He has pledged earnings growth of 20 per cent each year; analysts suspect that the rise over the next few years may by "only" 16 per cent or so. But *in a market* that is *showing* earnings growth of 6 or 7 per cent, this would still easily justify the premium the shares are trading on.

Apollo Metals

LAST year, investors would have shunned an aluminium *stockholder and processor*, but, today, Apollo Metals, which provides part-processed sheet to aerospace and other high-tech companies, is *preparing for take-off.* Apollo was caught with £9 million of stock last year when Russian aluminium producers were dumping the metal on world markets *and its value* fell 30 per cent, leaving Apollo nursing a loss for the first half to March 1994.

In commodities, what goes down often bounces back, and Apollo Metals is now reaping gains from a 30 per cent hike in the aluminium price over the past six months. Apollo should be able to pass on any raw material price increases to its customers, hence the overall increase in revenue should generate a higher margin and fall through to profits.

Yesterday's purchase of *Aviation Metals brings* specialist steels into the basket of goods that Apollo can offer its aerospace customers, and the price, at less than 7 times pre-*tax profits*, looks good. Investors with a nervous eye on the defence and civil aircraft industries may be wary of a company with a fifth of its sales to *British Aerospace. Reports* from the aerospace industry's leading players suggest that the chance of any meaningful upturn in their business much before 1996 is remote. Apollo, however, has weathered the aerospace downturn well, and, with its share price unchanged after yesterday's rights, the share issue looks underpriced at 77p.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	949-948	Mar	1055-1047
Mar	980-979	May	1069-1060
May	991-990	Jul	1075-1060
Jul	1006-1004	Sep	1080-1060
Sep	1020-1019		
Dec	1033-1026		Volume: 5039

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3515-3410	Jul	3420-3410
Jan	3515-3510	Sep	3415-3400
Mar	3465-3460	Nov	3410-3390
May	3440-3435		Volume: 2784

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	339.0-38.2
Spot: 351.00		Oct	318.5-16.2
Dec	349.0-47.9	Dec	318.3-14.2
Mar	343.0-42.2	Mar	319.8-14.2
May	341.0-41.0		Volume: 1041

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	74.01	93.38	115.30
(+/-)	-1.42	-1.12	-0.90
Eng/Wales:	73.85	93.27	115.97
(+/-)	-1.52	+1.10	-1.10
(%)	+27.0	-16.0	+1.0
Scotland	75.29	94.01	121.95
(+/-)	-0.41	+1.19	+0.37
(%)	-4.0	-11.0	-4.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.90	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.75	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.60	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.90	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.90	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 186 (+1)	O: 188 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	154 (+2)	155 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Nov	156 (+2)	158 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Dec	157 (+2)	160 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	94 (+4)	96 (+3)
Naphtha	171 (+3)	173 (+3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	153.25-53.50	Feb	157.00-57.25
Dec	154.50-54.75	Mar	156.75-57.00
Jan	156.00-56.25		Vol: 11106

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.75 SLR	Mar	16.36-16.42
Jan	16.61 SLR	Apr	16.32-16.36
Feb	16.50 BID		Vol: 39296

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	105.05	Nov	101.40
Jan	107.15	Jan	104.00
Mar	109.25	Mar	106.30
May	111.15	May	105.40
Jul	113.00	Sep	93.15
Volume: 262		Volume: 17	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	223.5	224.8
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 97

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Nov 82.25-90.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1875	1875	1872
Nov 94	1855	1815	1915
Dec 94	1800	1733	1735
Jan 95	1740	1680	1680
Vol: 228 lots		Open interest: 3192	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2655.0-2656.0	2634.0-2635.0	1972575
Lead ($/tonne)	655.00-656.00	669.00-669.50	156600
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1092.0-1093.0	1114.5-1115.0	595225
Tin ($/tonne)	5685.0-5690.0	5770.0-5775.0	24490
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1804.0-1805.0	1827.0-1828.0	1239700
Nickel ($/tonne)	7190.0-7195.0	7310.0-7315.0	115842

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom.	540	38	—	—	1	—	—
(*575)	580	1	—	—	1½	—	—
Argyll	240	16	25	30½	1	7½	11½
(*257)	260	1½	12½	19	4	17	21
ASDA	60	2	5½	7½	1	3½	4
(*61½)	70	1	2	3	9½	9	11
Boots	500	24	35	47½	1	12	19
(*521½)	550	1	11	24	30	42½	46½
Br Airways	360	7	23	34	2	18	24
(*364)	390	1	10½	21½	27½	36½	41½
BP	390	26	35½	42	1	8	14½
(*413½)	420	1½	17	25	8	22	28
Br Steel	140	18½	22	26½	1	3½	5
(*157)	160	1	9	15½	3½	10½	13½
C & W	390	5½	27½	40½	2	21	28
(*392½)	420	1	14½	27	30	39	40
CU	493	33½	47	53	1	5½	19
(*523½)	543	1	18	26½	22½	32	46½
ICI	750	51½	71½	83	1	11½	27
(*798½)	800	4	39½	53	2	31	51
Kingfishr.	460	14	34½	48½	1	16	25½
(*472½)	500	1	14½	31	29½	38½	47
Land Sec.	600	3½	22½	34½	3	23	26
(*601)	650	1	6	16	51½	59½	60½
M & S	420	2½	19	29½	2½	15	21½
(*420½)	460	1	5	13½	41	44½	48
Nat West.	460	27	44	51	1	12½	25½
(*484)	500	1	21½	29½	18	34	47½
Sainsbury	360	27	37½	44	1	9½	14
(*386)	390	1½	19	31	5½	22½	27½
Shell	700	4	29½	39	3½	20½	34
(*701)	750	1	9½	18½	51½	53½	67
Smd Bch	390	19	20	38½	1	17½	19½
(*406)	420	1	15½	24	15	29½	35½
Storehse	200	20	34½	28	1	3½	5½
(*219½)	220	1½	11½	16	3½	11½	14
Trafalgar	80	5	8½	11	1	5	7
(*82)	90	1	4½	6	9	11	13
Unilever	1100	22	51	69	1	28	44½
(*1116)	1150	1	26½	45	39½	59	72
Zeneca	800	41	65	76½	1	15	31
(*837½)	850	1½	34	48½	14½	36	56

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met.	390	17½	27	34	8	22	25
(*394)	420	6	13	21	27	40	42½
Ladbroke	140	13½	20½	23½	2½	6	9½
(*149½)	160	3½	10½	14	13½	16½	21½
Utd Bisc	280	22	31½	35	3½	7	15
(*295½)	300	8½	20½	24	11	15½	26

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	475	21½	30	42	1	11½	15½
(*492)	500	1	16	27	11½	23½	27½
Thames W	500	17½	30	43½	1	18½	24½
(*515)	550	1	9½	21½	37½	50	54

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	390	35	47	51½	3	9½	19½
(*417½)	420	13	28	33	12½	22	34
BTR	300	11	21	25½	8	14	20
(*301)	330	2	6½	13½	30½	33½	40½
Br Aero	460	27	47	56	18	30½	41
(*469½)	500	11½	30	38	46	54	64½
Br Telcm	360	25	30	35½	2½	10½	13½
(*380)	390	6	13	20½	15	26½	29½
Cadbury	420	16	31	33½	7½	15	25
(*426½)	460	2½	12	16½	38	39½	50½
Guinness	420	38	47½	53½	2	6	13½
(*452½)	460	7	21½	28	14½	22	31½
GEC	260	19	23	29	2½	7	9½
(*274)	280	6½	12½	18	10	17	19½
Hanson	220	8½	13	16	5½	12	15½
(*222)	240	2	5	8½	20	24½	28
LASMO	134	17½	—	—	2	—	—
(*148½)	154	4½	—	—	9½	—	—
Lucas	180	16½	23	26½	2½	6½	10
(*192)	200	5	11½	16	12	16½	20
Pilkingtn	180	17	19½	24	2½	6½	9
(*192½)	200	4½	9	12½	11½	17	19½
Prudential	300	15	25	29	5	12	19
(*308)	330	3	12	14½	24½	28½	37
Redland	420	38½	51½	58	3	10½	21½
(*451)	460	11½	27½	35½	17	26½	42½
Royal Ins	280	12½	22½	28½	10½	17½	24
(*280)	300	4½	13½	20½	34	29½	36
Tesco	220	16	23½	28	3	6½	12½
(*232)	240	5	12	17½	13	17½	23
Vodafone	183	20	24½	—	2	6½	—
(*199)	200	8	15	20	7½	14	17½
Williams	325	21½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*339½)	354	5	—	—	16½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3001)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Nov	120	84	55	33	19	9½
Dec	147	116	87	64	44	30
Jan	175	146	117	91	69	52
Feb	190	161	131	108	87	67
Jun	245	—	155	—	140	—
Puts						
Nov	28	43	64	95	132	176
Dec	52	72	94	122	154	191
Jan	70	90	112	139	168	202
Feb	94	104	125	152	181	214
Jun	118	—	160	—	214	—

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat.	390	29½	38	42	9	19	24½
(*406½)	420	12½	22½	27½	25	35½	40½
Amstrad	25	4	5	6	1½	2½	3
(*27½)	30	1½	3	3½	4½	5½	6½
Barclays	550	37	52	59½	13	26	33½
(*569)	600	12½	26	36	39	53½	61
Blue Circ	260	24	30	35½	6	10½	17
(*274)	280	12	19	25	15	19	27½
Br Gas	280	13	21½	25½	9½	15	21
(*280½)	300	5	12½	17	22	26	33
Dixons	180	22	26	31½	5	9½	13
(*194½)	200	10½	15½	21	13½	19	23½
Forte	220	15	22	25	8	10½	16½
(*224½)	240	5½	12	16	19½	21½	28
Hillsdwn	160	12½	17½	20½	5½	8	13
(*168)	180	4	9	11	17½	19½	26
Lonrho	130	11	14½	17½	6½	11½	13
(*132)	140	6	9½	13	12½	17	18½
Sears	100	12	15	16½	2	4	6
(*109)	110	5½	9½	11	5½	9	11½
Thrn EMI	950	50½	64½	91½	17	34	45
(*971½)	1000	23½	39	62	41	59½	67
Tomkins	200	13½	18½	25½	7	12	15
(*203)	220	5	10½	16½	19	24	26½
TSB	200	21	24½	28	3½	9	12½
(*214)	220	9	14	18	12½	20½	23
Wellcome	600	48	60½	73	17½	30½	43
(*622½)	650	22	42	54	44½	56½	66½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	39	58	70	1	15	27
(*584)	600	1½	29	43	17	36½	52½
HSBC	650	51½	79½	89	1	16½	25½
(*698½)	700	2	45½	60½	2½	36	60
Reuter	450	4	—	—	4	—	—
(*450½)	462	1	—	—	15	—	—

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
R-Royce	160	15½	21	24	2½	6	9½
(*171)	180	4	11	14	12½	16	20½

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Fisons	110	11½	16	19½	6	8½	10½
(*115½)	120	6½	11	15	12	14	16

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastern Gp	700	52½	69	86	10½	29½	35½
(*744)	750	19½	45½	63½	21	51½	57½

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Natl Pwr	460	29	41	52½	13	21½	30½
(*475½)	500	11	22½	33	36	42	52
Scot Pwr	330	28	35½	45	10	19	23½
(*343)	360	12½	21½	31	26½	35	39

October 26, 1994 Tot: 51491 Call: 17860 Put: 33631 FT-SE Call: 3564 Put: 14149

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3023.0	3040.0	2992.0	2993.0	12154
Previous open interest: 56463	Mar 95	3056.5	3056.5	3015.0	3014.0	16
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.42	93.45	93.41	93.42	12989
Previous open interest: 483550	Mar 95	92.55	92.60	92.51	92.53	24810
	Jun 95	91.94	91.97	91.88	91.89	7259
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				93.97	0
Previous open interest: 4271	Mar 95				93.53	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.79	94.85	94.79	94.80	23690
Previous open interest: 655641	Mar 95	94.44	94.49	94.42	94.44	22330
Long Gilt	Dec 94	99-26	100-06	99-06	99-10	79485
Previous open interest: 99830	Mar 95	98-30	98-30	98-30	98-13	5
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.55	107.56	107.44	107.53	2204
	Mar 95	106.81	106.81	106.61	106.81	5
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	88.76	89.06	88.54	88.63	146094
Previous open interest: 185490	Mar 95	88.00	88.04	87.77	87.84	864
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.81	93.83	93.79	93.80	611
Previous open interest: 21535	Mar 95	93.36	93.36	93.28	93.31	870
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.79	95.85	95.78	95.82	2870
Previous open interest: 42269	Mar 95	95.40	95.47	95.40	95.45	1831
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	99.25	100.17	99.10	99.55	49241
Previous open interest: 62266	Mar 95	98.90	99.20	98.90	98.76	385

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4¾ Low 4 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼ : 3 mth 5½ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅛ : 3 mth 5⅜ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 9/32-5 7/32	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6¼-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5 7/32-5 11/32	5⅝-5 11/32	6-5¾	6½-6⅞	7¼-7⅛
Interbank:	5 11/32-5 9/32	5⅝-5 9/32	6-5¾	6¼-6⅛	7¼-7⅛

Overnight: open 5 . close 4 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5¾	6⅛	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5 11/32	5 11/32-5¾	5 11/32-5 11/32	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-7¼
Dollar CDs:	4.94-4.91	n/a	5.55-5.52	5.87-5.83	6.47-6.44
Building Society CDs:	5 9/32-5 11/32	5⅞-5 11/32	6-5¾	6⅛-6⅞	7¼-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82 %. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V. 5.578 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¾-4¾	5-4¾	5 11/32-5¼	6-5¾	4¾-3¾
Deutschemark:	4¾-4⅞	4 11/32-4 9/32	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5-4
French Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5½-5½	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	3 11/32-3⅞	3¾-3¾	4⅛-3⅞	4¼-4⅛	4¼-3¾
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-1¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $388.80-389.20 **Close:** $388.70-389.20 **High:** $389.30-389.80
Low: $387.30-388.80 **AM:** $388.80 **PM:** $388.90

Krugerrand: $391.00-393.00 (£239.00-241.00)

Platinum: $422.00 (£258.25) **Silver:** $5.37 (£3.285) **Palladium:** $157.00 (£96.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 26	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7334-2.7458	2.7334-2.7368	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr
Brussels	50.13-50.45	50.13-50.24	6-2pr	13-6pr
Copenhagen	9.5220-9.5680	9.5220-9.5370	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Dublin	1.0125-1.0155	1.0128-1.0154	4pr-par	9-4pr
Frankfurt	2.4395-2.4504	2.4395-2.4427	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr
Lisbon	248.81-250.32	248.81-249.47	76-85ds	241-263ds
Madrid	203.15-204.14	203.15-203.45	33-40ds	97-114ds
Milan	2493.05-2504.80	2493.05-2497.60	5-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.1994-2.2063	2.1994-2.2025	0.02-0.06ds	0.20-0.11pr
New York	1.6322-1.6355	1.6332-1.6342	0.07-0.06pr	0.14-0.11pr
Oslo	10.5990-10.6550	10.5990-10.6150	⅛-⅜ds	1⅛-2⅛ds
Paris	8.3510-8.3880	8.3510-8.3650	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅛-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.5260-11.5740	11.5380-11.5630	1⅛-2⅛ds	5⅛-6⅛ds
Tokyo	158.33-158.98	158.33-158.60	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.20-17.26	17.21-17.25	1⅛-⅛pr	4⅛-2⅛pr
Zurich	2.0370-2.0486	2.0370-2.0400	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅛pr

Source: Enteł *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3477-1.3486
Austria	10.53-10.54
Belgium (Com)	30.77-30.78
Canada	1.3472-1.3477
Denmark	5.8345-5.8375
France	5.1193-5.1203
Germany	1.4940-1.4950
Hong Kong	7.7269-7.7279
Ireland	1.6140-1.6155
Italy	1526.0-1527.0
Japan	96.90-97.00
Malaysia	2.5500-2.5510
Netherlands	1.6749-1.6754
Norway	6.4941-6.4961
Portugal	152.51-152.61
Singapore	1.4718-1.4728
Spain	124.40-124.50
Sweden	7.0619-7.0719
Switzerland	1.2480-1.2490

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6323-1.6350
Australia dollar	2.2025-2.2039
Bahrain dinar	0.6105-0.6225
Brazil real*	1.3938-1.3980
Cyprus pound	0.7425-0.7525
Finland markka	7.3670-7.4830
Greece drachma	373.50-380.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.6242-12.6289
India rupee	50.80-51.76
Kuwait dinar KD	0.48-0.49
Malaysia ringgit	4.1675-4.1697
Mexico peso	5.52-5.62
New Zealand dollar	2.6639-2.6673
Pakistan rupee	49.48 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.0670-6.1930
Singapore dollar	2.4045-2.4071
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4285-6.4815
S Africa rand (com)	5.7081-5.7166
U A E dirham	5.9430-6.0670

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	103	Legal & Gn	5,100
ASDA Gp	5,600	Lloyds Bk	1,600
Abbey Natl	1,700	MEPC	902
Allied Dom	644	Marks Spr	2,600
Argyll Gp	2,800	NatWst Bk	3,300
Arjo Wiggn	2,100	Nat Power	801
AB Foods	21	Nth Wst W	156
BAA	2,700	P & O	2,700
BAT Inds	2,400	Pearson	627
BOC	877	PowerGen	720
BP	8,300	Prudential	4,800
BTR	16,000	RMC	195
BT	5,500	RTZ	2,400
Bk of Scot	576	Rank Org	3,100
Barclays	3,600	Reckitt Col	820
Bass	2,600	Redland	1,100
Blue Circle	1,100	Reed Intl	808
Boots	1,100	Rentokil	888
Bowater	614	Reuters	3,800
Brit Aero	2,100	Rolls Royce	3,800
Brit Airwys	3,900	Ryl Ins	2,000
Brit Gas	7,100	Ryl Bk Scot	2,800
Brit Steel	5,200	Sainsbury	2,300
Burmah Cstl	179	Schroders	25
Cable Wire	3,500	Scot & New	423
Cadbury	501	Scot Power	1,100
Caradon	522	Sears	453
Carlton Cms	422	Svrn Trent	139
Cm Union	734	Shell Trans	3,200
Courtaulds	1,100	Siebe	1,600
De La Rue	761	SmKl Bch	2,200
Eastern Elec	1,100	Smith Nph	1,400
Enterpr Oil	321	Sthern Elec	1,100
Forte	2,100	Std Chartd	1,100
GKN	329	Sun Allnce	841
GRE	378	TI Gp	556
GUS	1,300	TSB	12,000
Gen Acc	467	Tesco	2,800
Gen Elec	2,100	*Thames W*	451
Glaxo	2,900	Thrn EMI	858
Granada	1,100	Tomkins	1,700
Grand Met	2,100	Unilever	1,300
Guinness	1,500	Utd Bisc	362
HSBC	4,200	Vodafone	3,000
Hanson	6,400	Warburg (SG)	299
ICI	713	Wellcome	1,200
Inchcape	890	Whitbread	520
Kingfisher	749	Wllms Hld	551
Ladbroke	1,400	Wolseley	1,800
Land Secs	2,000	Zeneca	2,200

WALL STREET

	Oct 26 midday	Oct 25 close
AMP Inc	76¾	77
AMR Corp	51½	51¾
AT & T	53¾	53¾
Abbott Labs	30¼	30½
Aetna Life	45	45½
Ahmanson (HF)	18¾	19
Air Prod & Chem	45	44⅞
Albertsons	28½	28⅞
Alcan Aluminum	27	27
Alco Standard	57½	58
Allied Signal	34¼	34½
Alum Co of Am	85½	85⅞
Amax Gold Inc	7⅛	7¼
Amerada Hess	48⅛	48⅛
Amer Brands	34⅛	34⅜
Amer Cyanamid	98⅛	98¾
Amer El Power	31¼	31½
Amer Express	29⅛	29⅜
Amer Genl Corp	27	26⅞
Amer Home Pr	61⅛	61⅜
Amer Intl	90	90
Amer Stores	26⅛	26⅜
Ameritech	39⅛	39
Amoco	61	60⅞
Anheuser-Busch	50¼	50⅛
Apple Computer	42⅜	42⅜
Archer Daniels	27⅞	27⅞
Armco	6⅝	6⅝
Armstrong Wrld	40⅞	40
Asarco	31¼	31⅞
Ashland Oil	37⅛	38
Atl Richfield	104¼	104
Auto Data Pro	56⅛	56⅜
Avery Dennison	33⅞	34⅛
Avon Products	60⅛	59⅞
Baker Hughes	18⅞	19⅛
Baltim Gas & El	22⅛	22⅛
Banc One	27	26⅞
BankAmerica	42	42⅛
Bank of NY	30⅛	29⅞
Bankers Tr NY	66⅛	66⅜
Barnett Banks	40⅛	40⅜
Bausch & Lomb	31	32
Baxter Intl	25⅛	25
Becton Dickinson	47⅛	47⅛
Bell Atlantic	49⅞	50⅛
BellSouth	50⅛	51⅛
Black & Decker	23⅛	23⅛
Block (H&R)	45⅛	45⅛
Boeing	43⅞	43⅞
Boise Cascade	26⅛	26⅛
Borden Inc	13⅛	13⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	56⅞	57
Browning Ferris	31⅛	30⅞
Brunswick	19⅛	19⅛
Burlington Nthn	50⅛	50⅛
CBS	56⅛	56⅛
CNA Financial	61⅛	61⅛
CPC Intl	52⅛	51⅛
CSX	69⅛	69
Campbell Soup	41	41
Can Pacific	15⅛	15⅛
Cpd Cities ABC	80⅛	79
Carolina Pwr	25⅛	25⅛
Caterpillar	57	57⅛
Central & SW	21⅛	21⅛
Champion Intl	36⅛	36⅛
Chase Manhat	34⅛	34⅛
Chemical Bk	35⅛	35⅛
Chevron Corp	43⅛	43⅛
Chrysler	47⅛	47⅛
Chubb Corp	68⅛	69
Cigna Corp	63	63⅛
Citicorp	44⅛	44⅛
Clorox	53⅛	53⅛
Coastal Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Coca Cola	49⅛	50⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	59⅛	59⅛
Columbia Gas	27⅛	27⅛
Compaq Comp	38⅛	38⅛
Comp Asr Int	49⅛	49⅛
Conagra	30⅛	31⅛
Cons Edison	24⅛	24⅛
Cons Nat Gas	36⅛	36⅛
Cons Rail	52⅛	52⅛
Cooper Inds	36⅛	36⅛
Corning Inc	33⅛	33⅛
Crown Cork	37⅛	38⅛
Dana Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Dayton Hudson	76⅛	77⅛
Deere	72⅛	72⅛
Delta Air Lines	46⅛	46⅛
Deluxe Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Detroit Edison	25⅛	25⅛
Digital Equip	30⅛	30
Dillard Dept St	26	25⅛
Disney (Walt)	39	38⅛
Dominion Res	37	37⅛
Donnelley (RR)	32	32
Dover Corp	55⅛	56
Dow Chemical	72⅛	73⅛
Dow Jones	28⅛	29⅛
Dresser	20⅛	20
Duke Power	38⅛	38⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅛	58⅛
Du Pont	58⅛	59
Eastman Kodak	48⅛	48
Eaton Corp	50⅛	50⅛
Emerson Elec	60⅛	60⅛
Engelhard Corp	23⅛	23⅛

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Enron Corp	30⅛	31⅛
Entergy	24⅛	24⅛
Ethyl Corp	11⅛	11⅛
Exxon	61⅛	60⅛
FMC Corp	59⅛	60⅛
FPL Group	32⅛	32⅛
Federal Express	59⅛	60⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	74⅛	74⅛
First Chicago	47⅛	47⅛
First Interstate	77⅛	78
First Union Rly	7⅛	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	34⅛	34⅛
Fluor Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Ford Motor	29⅛	29⅛
GTE Corp	30⅛	30⅛
Gannett	47⅛	48
Gap Inc Del	32⅛	32⅛
Gen Dynamics	41⅛	42⅛
Gen Electric	48⅛	47⅛
Gen Mills	56⅛	56⅛
Gen Motors	41⅛	41⅛
Gen Reinsurance	108⅛	108⅛
Gen Signal	35⅛	36
Genuine Parts	35⅛	36
Georgia Pac	72⅛	72⅛
Gillette	73⅛	73⅛
Glaxo ADR	19	19⅛
Goodrich (BF)	44⅛	44⅛
Goodyear Tire	34⅛	34⅛
Grace (WR)	38⅛	38⅛
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24⅛	24⅛
Great Wstn Fin	17⅛	17⅛
Halliburton	31⅛	31⅛
Harcourt General	36⅛	35⅛
Heinz (HJ)	36⅛	36⅛
Hercules	100	100⅛
Hershey Foods	47⅛	47⅛
Hewlett Packard	93⅛	93
Hilton Hotels	58⅛	58⅛
Home Depot	44⅛	43⅛
Homestake Mng	20⅛	20⅛
Honeywell	32⅛	32⅛
Household Intl	34⅛	33⅛
Houston Inds	34⅛	34
Humana	23⅛	23⅛
ITT Corp	84⅛	84⅛
Illinois Tool	43⅛	43⅛
Illinova	19	19
INCO	29⅛	29⅛
Ingersoll Rand	35⅛	35⅛
Inland Steel	34⅛	34⅛
Intel Corp	59⅛	58⅛
IBM	74⅛	73⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	41⅛	41
Intl Paper	74⅛	75⅛
James River Va	21⅛	21
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54⅛	54⅛
Kellogg	57⅛	57⅛
Kerr-McGee	45⅛	46⅛
Kimberly-Clark	51⅛	51⅛
Kmart	15⅛	15⅛
Knight-Ridder	50⅛	50⅛
Lilly (Eli)	59⅛	60⅛
Limited Inc	18	18⅛
LIN Brdcstng	135⅛	135⅛
Lincoln Nat	34⅛	35⅛
Litton	36⅛	36⅛
Liz Claiborne	22⅛	23
Lockheed	70⅛	70⅛
Louisiana Pac	30⅛	30⅛
MCI Comm	22⅛	22⅛
Marriott Intl	28⅛	28⅛
Marsh & McLen	74⅛	76⅛
Masco Corp	23⅛	23⅛
May Dept St	37⅛	37⅛
Maytag Corp	16⅛	16⅛
McDonalds	27⅛	27⅛
McDonnell D	126⅛	123⅛
McGraw Hill	72⅛	72⅛
Mead Corp	48⅛	48
Medtronic	52	52⅛
Mellon Bk	33⅛	34⅛
Melville Corp	33⅛	34⅛
Merck Inc	34⅛	34⅛
Merrill Lynch	36⅛	36⅛
Minnesota Mine	53⅛	54⅛
Mobil Corp	83⅛	83⅛
Monsanto	76⅛	76⅛
Morgan (JP)	59⅛	59⅛
Motorola Inc	56	55⅛
Natl Medical	14⅛	15
Natl Semi	15⅛	15⅛
Natl Service Ind	26⅛	26⅛
Navistar Int	12⅛	12⅛
NBD Bancorp	29⅛	29⅛
NY Times A	22⅛	22⅛
Newmont Mng	42⅛	43⅛
Niag Mohawk	13⅛	13⅛
Nike B	60⅛	60⅛
NL Industries	12⅛	11⅛
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	44⅛	44⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	62⅛	61⅛
Nthn State Pwr	43⅛	43⅛
Norwest Corp	23⅛	24
Nynex Corp	38	38⅛
Occidental Pet	20⅛	20⅛
Ohio Edison	18⅛	18⅛
Oracle Systems	44⅛	44⅛
Oryx Energy Co	14⅛	13⅛

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Owens Corning	31⅛	31⅛
PNC Financial	23⅛	23⅛
PPG Industries	39⅛	39⅛
Paccar Inc	41⅛	41⅛
Pacificorp	17	16⅛
Pac Enterprises	20⅛	20⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	22⅛	22⅛
Pac Telesis	31⅛	30⅛
Pall Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Panhandle East	22⅛	22⅛
Parker Hannifin	45	44⅛
Penn Energy	24⅛	25
Penney (JC)	48⅛	49⅛
Pennzoil	49⅛	49⅛
Pepsico	34⅛	34⅛
Pfizer	72⅛	72⅛
Phelps Dodge	61⅛	61⅛
Philip Morris	63⅛	62⅛
Phillips Pet	35⅛	34⅛
Pitney Bowes	34⅛	34⅛
Polaroid	32⅛	33⅛
PriceCostco	15⅛	15⅛
Procter & Gmbl	61⅛	62⅛
Providian	30⅛	30⅛
Pub Serv E & G	25⅛	25⅛
Quaker Oats	74⅛	74⅛
Ralston Purina	42⅛	41⅛
Raychem Corp	37⅛	37⅛
Raytheon	62⅛	62⅛
Reebok Intl	39⅛	39⅛
Reynolds Metals	55⅛	56⅛
Roadway Srvs	55⅛	55⅛
Rockwell Intl	34⅛	34⅛
Rohm & Haas	59⅛	59⅛
Royal Dutch	112	112
Rubbermaid	27	26⅛
Safeco Corp	49⅛	49⅛
St Paul's Cos	42⅛	42⅛
Salomon Inc	38⅛	38⅛
Santa Fe Pac	14⅛	15⅛
Sara Lee Corp	24	22⅛
Seecorp	13⅛	13⅛
Schering Plough	70⅛	69⅛
Schlumberger	54⅛	53⅛
Scott Paper	63⅛	61⅛
Seagram	29⅛	30
Sears Roebuck	46⅛	46⅛
Shell Trans	68⅛	68⅛
Sherwin Wllms	31⅛	32⅛
Skyline Corp	19⅛	20⅛
Snap-On-Tools	31⅛	31⅛
Southern Co	19⅛	19⅛
Sthwestern Bell	40	40
Sprint Corp	32⅛	33⅛
Stanley Works	40⅛	40⅛
Sun Company	31⅛	31⅛
Sun Microsys	31⅛	31⅛
Suntrust	48⅛	48⅛
Supervalu	24⅛	24⅛
Sysco Corp	24⅛	24⅛
TRW Inc	68⅛	69⅛
TCC Inds	2⅛	2⅛
Tandem Comp	17⅛	18⅛
Tandy Corp	43⅛	43⅛
Teledyne	16⅛	16⅛
Temple Inland	49	49⅛
Tenneco	43⅛	43⅛
Texaco	63	63
Texas Inst	69⅛	68⅛
Texas Utilities	32	32⅛
Textron	50⅛	50⅛
Time Warner	35	34⅛
Times-Mirror	32⅛	32
Timken	35⅛	34⅛
Torchmark	37⅛	37⅛
Toys R Us	37⅛	37⅛
Transamerica	48⅛	47
Travelers	33⅛	33⅛
Tribune	51⅛	51⅛
Tyco Labs	47⅛	48⅛
UST Inc	26⅛	27⅛
UAL	85⅛	85⅛
USX Marathon	17⅛	17⅛
Unicom	20⅛	20⅛
Unilever NV	117⅛	118⅛
Union Camp	46⅛	47
Union Carbide	33⅛	34⅛
Union Pacific	49⅛	49⅛
Unisys Corp	10⅛	10⅛
USAir Group	4⅛	4⅛
USF&G Corp	13⅛	13⅛
US Life	31⅛	31
US West	36⅛	36⅛
United Tech	61	61⅛
Unocal Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Upjohn	32⅛	33⅛
VF Corp	49⅛	50
WMX Tech	28⅛	28⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	23⅛	23⅛
Warner-Lambert	77⅛	77⅛
Wells Fargo	145⅛	145⅛
Westinghouse El	13⅛	14
Weyerhaeuser	38⅛	39⅛
Whirlpool	51⅛	51⅛
Whitman	16⅛	16⅛
Winn Dixie	50⅛	50⅛
Woolworth	15⅛	16
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45⅛	45⅛
Xerox	108⅛	110⅛
Yellow Corp	19⅛	19⅛

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Major's whisky — and tonic

AS John Major reels from one sleaze allegation to another, what better way to forget his woes than relaxing by the fireside at No10 with a wee dram or two of his own whisky, knowing that at the same time he is contributing to the Conservative Party's sorely depleted coffers. The Premiers Collection of 15-year-old blends by Islay distiller Morrison Bowmore, carries pictures of every Conservative prime minister from Sir Robert Walpole until the present day — including one of a rather more chipper-looking Major than we have seen of late. The collection is the brainchild of Ian Bridge, former Conservative candidate for Nottingham North, and Nottingham city agent Barry Furnell, who naturally approached central office, the party chairman and the PM before going ahead. Bridge is somewhat coy about how much is being raised for the party, merely saying: "For every bottle sold, the constituency and the party benefit." Served in all the best hotels, of course . . .

Being in control

THE cheek of crooks these days. Ian Powe, who runs the Gas Consumers Council, and does what he can to keep UK gas bills at an affordable level, arrived at his holiday flat in Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, a couple of weeks ago to find the gas-heated boiler roaring away at full blast. Powe and his wife, Deirdre, found to their horror that vandals had broken in and smashed the place up, then left the thermostat on maximum just for a lark. They chose the wrong man to cross. Powe compared old and new meter readings (some £53 went up in flames), then put his team on the case. Using the GCC's sophisticated computer system, information on daily temperatures supplied by the Met Office, data on average usage in similar Frinton properties, and knowledge of the thermal efficiency of the gas boiler in question, they have pinpointed the date of entry as September 20. Essex police have narrowed down their inquiries.



"It's the man from the Pru"

Daughter power

ONLY daughters and eldest daughters are most likely to become successful female entrepreneurs. How do I know? Because in a survey of 150 businesswomen, 76 per cent of respondents were just that — only or eldest daughters. But the others should not despair. Pauline Hyde, of Lee Hecht Harrison, a firm of career management consultants, says women entrepreneurs *en masse* continue to take great strides forward. "Already, one in ten American workers is employed by a woman-owned company," she says. "In the UK, too, this is a growing business phenomenon — the number of women running their own business has trebled in the past decade with three out of ten new firms started by women." Hyde, incidentally, is an only daughter.

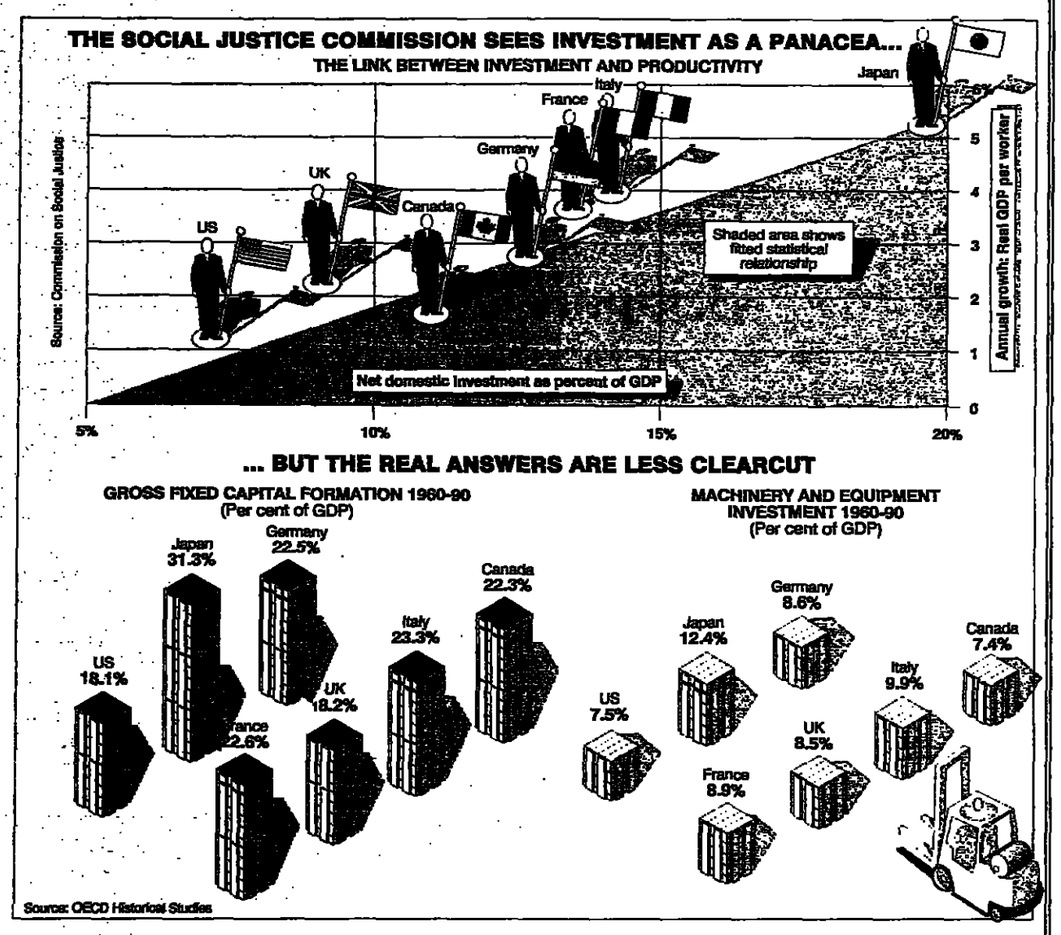
JON ASHWORTH



ANATOLE KALETSKY

Blueprint for social justice but unsound economics

The Commission on Social Justice has embarked on a dubious excursion into ideology



For an inquiry that was supposed to settle once and for all some of the most contentious issues in British politics and economic management, this week's report from the Commission on Social Justice (CSJ) comes as a great disappointment. Not that there was anything wrong with the CSJ's individual proposals on welfare, retirement and education. Some were excellent and many others were at least well argued. The trouble came rather with all the proposals the CSJ failed to make and the questions it raised and then refused to answer.

The commission, set up by John Smith as a post-election *mea culpa* for his 1992 shadow Budget debacle, was widely expected to offer the Labour Party a blueprint of a new economic strategy less allergenic to middle-class voters. More importantly, there was hope that it might encourage a new consensus embracing the moderate elements of both the main parties on some of the issues of welfare reform whose effects would span several generations and implicate many governments of differing political persuasions.

But the commission, chaired by Sir Gordon Borrie, chose to avoid the most important issues connected with the structure of taxation and played down its own most far-reaching proposal, which would partially privatise state pensions. Instead, it embarked on a dubious excursion into economic ideology, pitting its vision of a cohesive and corporatist "Investors' Britain" against the individualist market fanaticism of the present "Deregulators' Britain", which inflicts pointless injustice on its people and simultaneously accelerates the country's economic slide.

The trouble with this dichotomy is not in its diagnosis of Britain's social ills. From low standards of literacy and shocking child poverty to intolerable pollution and endemic crime, much of what is wrong with Britain today can be put down, at least in part, to the indifference and incompetence of an arrogant government bent on deregulation, cutting costs, and privatisation to the exclusion of all else. The Thatcher-Reagan theory that government interference is the root of all evil and that most social ills can be cured by "getting government off the backs of the people", has been tested to destruction in both America and Britain and has been empirically refuted. Even the Tory right no longer dares to claim that "there is no such *thing as society*" or to suggest that a community can be ordered purely through self-seeking individual behaviour, co-ordinated solely by market forces. The main dispute between left and right now is not about whether social action is necessary, but whether the best mechanisms for such action are governments and politically supervised bureaucracies, or private companies, charities, pressure groups and other voluntary organisations.

That is an interesting debate, but Sir Gordon and his colleagues have chosen instead to conform to the Thatcherite *zeitgeist* and tell people how they will make them materially better off. To demonstrate that Britain's education system needed improvement, or that the poor needed help, moral arguments did not seem sufficient. The commission also wanted to prove that social solidarity would cost taxpayers nothing, improve British industry and accelerate economic growth. In taking on this challenge, the CSJ bit off more than it could chew.

When people are told that Thatcherism made Britain a nastier, dirtier, greedier place, they may well cheer. But when they are told that the labour market and financial reforms of the 1980s also made the economy less efficient, they will simply refuse to believe it and will doubt the honesty of the speaker. The claim that a change of political direction that appeals on ethical grounds will automatically make the country more prosperous sounds too good to be true, and it probably is.

The CSJ says, in an assertions constantly echoed by Gordon Brown, shadow Chancellor, that Britain's economic failure (as well as its social dislocation) stems from lack of investment. Its main evidence for this contention comes from the curious chart reproduced above. Sourced only to the *New York Review of Books*, it shows that "net domestic investment" over some unspecified period is closely correlated to productivity growth. On this slender foundation, plus the findings of a World Bank study into soiceties incomparable to Britain such as Korea and Taiwan, the CSJ builds its entire argument for a new socio-economic philsophy designed to promote capital spending, not only in business and infrastructure, but also in such newly defined fields of "investment" as education, childcare, health and pension security for the old.

This really will not do. Obviously the CSJ has stretched the normal economic definition of investment to breaking point (and empirical meaninglessness) by including nursery education, "community development", and any other activity that its members happen to approve of. But even concentrating attention on investment as usually defined, there are three gaping holes in this argument. The first is that Britain's investment has not been exceptionally low, at least in the area most directly related to productivity growth. As the bottom charts show, while Britain's total investment has indeed been below other G7 countries, machinery investment has been well ahead of America and Canada and only marginally behind Germany and France. In fact, Britain's investment shortfall has been due mainly to exceptionally low levels of housebuilding, which averaged 3.8 per cent of GDP in Britain, compared with 6.5 per cent in Germany and 7.1 per cent in France. Second, it is the quality, not just the quantity, of investment that matters.

Britain undertook huge investments in the steel industry in the 1970s, much of which now lies rusting in mountains of junk.

The question Labour must answer is why government-inspired investment in the 1990s would do any better. And even if the definition of investment were extended to include training and education, it is not clear that more spending would necessarily deliver better results. According to OECD figures, Britain spends roughly the same proportion of GDP on education as France and more than Germany or Japan. Perhaps the problem lies in how teachers are teaching, not in how many of them there are.

Finally, there is the question of what politicians can do about it, if investment really is too low. The most important thing they can do is maintain the growth of demand, since this is overwhelmingly the biggest influence on investment. But let us accept for the sake of argument the CSJ's self-denying ordinance on macro-economic policy, which they believe to be a matter for Europe. There are several ways left for the Government to encourage investment. First, there is direct government intervention, by re-nationalising industries or coercing them indirectly through the statutory planning agreements and controls on dividends. Second, government can offer tax incentives to industry, for example accelerated depreciation. Third, it can increase profits by cutting corporate taxes. Finally, it can use the personal tax system to encourage savings and discourage consumption. Significantly, it was only the first of these methods — the unreconstructed socialist one — that seemed to interest the Borrie commission. Even though taxation was the CSJ's specific remit, there is nothing in its report about reforming or reducing corporation tax or shifting the tax burden from income tax to VAT. As for encouraging savings, the CSJ had not a word to say about capital gains tax, the clearest deterrent to savings and investment in any G7 country.

In fact, the CSJ had only one firm proposal on saving. It wanted to make the present inheritance tax regime far more draconian by ending the exemption for lifetime gifts and narrowing the concessions for agricultural and business property.

If this is the kind of idea that would create an "Investors' Britain", then Margaret Thatcher is a socialist.

Why the man from the Pru is under attack

Robert Miller looks at the role played by Mick Newmarch at the Prudential

Few insurance companies have been as successful as the Prudential in promoting an image of probity and longevity. It is Britain's largest insurance company with £75 billion under management and 6 million policyholders.

But the Nineties have not been kind to the Pru. It is perhaps unfortunate for Mick Newmarch, the chief executive who joined the company in 1955, that almost from the moment he moved into the driving seat in 1990 things started to go wrong. During his first year in office, the company announced a £50 million loss from its estate agency chain and by the end of the year it was looking to sell that side of the business altogether.

Mr Newmarch was chief investment officer when the estate agency network was being established and was, therefore, not directly involved in the estate agency buying spree. He was, however, a board member in the mid-Eighties, when the Pru set itself a target of 1,000 outlets. In 1991, the Pru sold its estate agency shops, with a write-off of £340 million.

> This year, some in the industry have questioned his judgment

That May, Mr Newmarch came in for more flak. At the Pru's annual meeting, the board was quizzed about the 43 per cent pay rise Mr Newmarch had received the previous year, when the company's pre-tax profits fell by more than a third. Between 1989 and 1990, his remuneration jumped from £379,651 to £543,673.

It was, perhaps, also unfortunate that about that time the Pru announced, for the first time since the Second World War, that it was cutting the guaranteed bonus rates it paid to customers holding with-profits endowment policies running for less than 20 years.

Shortly after the news of Mr Newmarch's salary rise, the Pru's staff were involved in a 13-week industrial dispute. The voting figures, of 8,020 for the strike to 1,884 against, underlined the depth of feeling towards Mr Newmarch's pay rise while hundreds of jobs were threatened. As the dispute dragged on, the Pru's response was to threaten staff with suspension, without pay, or dismissal.

Job cuts, bonus reductions and estate agency losses were not limited to the Pru. Indeed, the Pru could be credited with acting with greater foresight than the rest of the industry, which is still struggling to get costs down. It could be argued Mr Newmarch should be credited with that foresight.

But this year his individual stand on regulation and on personal pension sales has led some in the industry to question his judgment. In March, Mr Newmarch announced that the Pru would not be joining the Personal Investment Authority, which became the sole regulator for firms selling investments direct to the public in July, but would instead opt to be regulated by the Securities and Investments Board. No one followed his lead.

Then, in June, John Edmonds, general secretary of GMB, the general union, accused the Pru of being the worst offender for advising his members to opt out of occupational and public sector pension schemes and into personal pension plans.

In August, it was reported that Lautro, the regulator for life companies, had been conducting an informal investigation into the Pru's pension selling since April. This is still in progress.

The Pru has consistently denied the GMB allegations and refused to set aside funds specifically for compensating investors. However, the company said again yesterday that it would compensate people if it were found that the company had wrongly advised anyone to leave an occupational scheme for a personal pension.

Mr Edmonds said yesterday: "A survey undertaken by our pension office asked members about advice they had been given by pension companies . . . The Prudential was by far the worst company — cited as the pension provider in 20 per cent of the cases. Perhaps they should run an advertising campaign along the lines of their successful slogan 'I wanna be compensated' rather than mis-selling pensions to vunerable people. Given the Prudential's appalling record in this matter, it is perhaps time for changes at the top."

LETTERS

Civil servants pay more for their pensions

From the General Secretary, Civil Service Pensioners' Alliance

Sir, Your front page story (October 19) on Civil Service pensions continues to perpetuate the myth that civil servants do not pay for their pensions.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The facts are that civil servants pay for their pensions in two ways. First, they make an explicit contribution of 1½ per cent of salary for the Widows and Orphans benefit, and, secondly, their pay is set at levels lower than would be appropriate, if the pension were not taken into account.

This lower rate of pay is conservatively estimated at being 8 per cent below its real level, which, of course, means that as their pensions are based on final salaries, the pension is 8 per cent less than that of other schemes.

Therefore, rather than paying nothing, and being "funded entirely out of the public purse", civil servants pay more for their pensions than the average occupational or private pensioner. It really is about time that newspapers such as *The Times* gave factual reports on this matter. The constant misrepresentation of the truth causes immense anger and annoyance to members of the alliance.

Yours faithfully,
PETER THOMASON,
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Kingston upon Thames,
Surrey.

Who pays for the trips?

From Mr A. W. Cronshaw

Sir, Burmah Castrol is taking a number of institutional investors on a trip to its operations in the Far East (Stock market report, October 5).

What is the purpose of the trip? Who benefits? Who pays?

I suspect that the trip is a "freebee" paid for out of the company profits and, therefore, paid for by all shareholders including non-institutional shareholders. Do the institutional shareholders benefit by having prior knowledge of information that should be available to all shareholders?

I cannot see a purpose since I am not aware of any announcement from the company, eg that it wishes to obtain a loan or to make an issue of shares. Why are these trips not made available to all shareholders?

Yours sincerely,
A. W. CRONSHAW,
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Names see no cause to let Lloyd's go first

From Mr Tom Benyon

Sir, Pennington (October 21) in "Lloyd's leaky bucket", asks why "Names . . . are angered about Lloyd's wanting to withhold the [fruits of litigation] cash until the debts are repaid".

The reason is because Lloyd's have already drawn down many of the guarantees given by banks and insurance companies to back up names underwriting. These institutions are now seeking repayment from the names who will now have to leave their houses and farms which backed their guarantees.

These names want to repay these institutions first and see no moral reason why Lloyd's, who are the architects of the shambles, should be allowed to help themselves first. Where is the morality in that?

Yours faithfully,
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Home repossession orders rise for first time in a year

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

MORTGAGE repossession orders edged higher in the third quarter, compared with the previous three months, according to figures from the Lord Chancellor's department published yesterday.

This was the first quarterly rise for a year and raises fears that a further rise in interest rates, after the half-point rise in September, would be a big setback for a property market that does not yet show clear signs of a solid recovery.

In the three months to September 30, a total of 22,803 mortgage possession actions were entered and 20,772 orders were made, of which 11,966 were suspended. This compared with 22,178 and 19,616 respectively in the previous three months.

However, year-on-year mortgage possessions remain well down. In the third quarter of 1993, 32,276 actions were entered and 28,201 orders were made. In the three following quarters, mortgage repossessions continued to fall.

The figures do not indicate how many homes have been repossessed through the courts; not all the orders will have resulted in the issue and execution of warrants for possession. Since November, rules require the plaintiff to provide more detail about the composition of arrears, the way in which the account has been operated and any known details of the defendant's financial circumstances.

It is thought the marked decrease in the number of possession actions entered in the fourth quarter of 1993 and during 1994 partly reflects changes in administrative arrangements, which the plaintiffs' representatives have had to make to meet these requirements. As a result, the number of possessions entered since the third quarter of 1993 is not comparable with earlier periods. Mortgage repossessions peaked in 1991, when a total of 142,905 orders were made. Amid growing concern about families being made homeless, the Government struck a deal with lenders. In return for direct payment of income support, lenders agreed not to repossess homes where mortgage interest is covered by the State.

Frequently, the court grants mortgage lenders possession but suspends the operation of the order. Provided the defendant complies with the terms of the suspension, which usually requires the payment of current instalments plus some accrued arrears, the possession order cannot be enforced.

In the third quarter of this year, 58 per cent of orders made were suspended, compared with 61 per cent in the same period of 1993. In the first three quarters of this year, 59 per cent of orders made were suspended — unchanged year-on-year.

RICHARD AUSTIN



Geoffrey Woods, the group's chief executive, expects to conclude one or two bolt-on deals in the current year

Bridport-Gundry looks for acquisitions

BRIDPORT-GUNDRY, the specialist textiles group that serves the medical, aerospace and marine markets, is searching for acquisitions to expand into niche product areas (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Geoffrey Woods, recruited as chief executive last year, said that he expected to conclude one or two small bolt-on deals in the current year. He said that the group would consider any acquisition where it could add value through applying its core skill of textile engineering. Yesterday, the group unveiled a jump in pre-tax profits to £753,000 in the year to July 31, from £162,000 in the previous period, in spite of £277,000 of redundancy costs and a £54,000 charge for the disposal of its Irish fishing business. Earnings per share rose to 6.16p from 0.84p. Net borrowings fell to £1.8 million, from £3 million.

A final dividend of 1.75p (1.0p) brings the total payout to 3.0p (2.5p). It will be paid on January 31.

Rentokil buys six companies

Rentokil, the environmental services company, is bolting on another six small companies in markets ranging from Florida to Brisbane.

The biggest purchase, for $8 million, is Foliage Plant Systems, based in New Jersey, which boosts Rentokil's expanding tropical plant rental side. FPS had turnover last year of $7.6 million. Rentokil is paying cash, with $1.5 million deferred and conditional on targets.

The five smaller acquisitions have between them total turnover of less than £1 million, and the amount being paid in cash is likewise below that figure. Rentokil is buying two pest control businesses, Commercial Pest Elimination, of Florida, and Servyrep, in northern Spain.

Two hygiene businesses being bought are K&L Hygiene Services, in northern Germany, and Waterloo Services Company, based in London. Rentokil is also buying Allens Indoor Gardens in Brisbane. Tempus, page 28

Apollo calls for £7.8m

Apollo Metals, a supplier of aluminium to high technology customers, is raising £7.8 million through a rights issue to help to fund the purchase of Aviation Metals, claimed to be the country's largest supplier of specialised steels to the aerospace and defence industries, for £8.55 million.

Apollo is also paying £16,000 for the outstanding shares of Krifinn Materials of Finland. Apollo says it has returned to the black and expects pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 to be at least £270,000, in spite of a first-half £219,000 loss. Tempus, page 28

Olives ahead

Rents received now fully cover all overheads, including interest, at Olives Property. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 were £224,404, compared with a deficit of £92,560. Net assets increased to £14.5 million, equal to 34.2p a share, compared with 28.5p a share last December. After the capital reconstruction this year, Olives hopes to pay a final dividend.

Barr rebels name their candidate

BY OUR CITY STAFF

DISSIDENT shareholders of Barr & Wallace Arnold Trust who want to oust Malcolm Barr as chairman of the leisure and property company have named his prospective successor.

He is Sir David Rowe-Ham, a non-executive director of Williams Holdings and CLS Holdings, and chairman of Brewin Dolphin Holdings and Apta Healthcare.

Nicholas Barr, nephew of the current chairman, will be proposed as chief executive and executive director with responsibility for the motor division business. Robert Barr, his brother, will be proposed as executive director with responsibility for the leisure business. Helmut Schweimler, formerly of Hetzel Resisen, the German tour operator, will be proposed as a non-executive director.

The Barr brothers and their supporters hold 45.6 per cent of the voting shares.

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	405	+3	...	4.8	13.6
314	233	Allied Irish	244	-3	...	5.2	9.4
228½	171	Aus New Z	171	-1	...	5.3	20.9
3300	2527½	Bankamerica	2600	+12½	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	274	+1	...	4.4	7.9
247	172½	Bank Scotland	192½	-3½	...	3.4	10.6
640	487	Barclays	569	+2	...	3.7	12.2
37	13½	Carlisle	24	...	...	1.3	...
480½	449	Cater Allen	468	...	...	7.5	9.3
174½	126	Cattles	127	...	...	5.2	14.2
2628½	1545½	Chase Manh	2128¼	-3½	...	...	...
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2705¼	-18½	...	...	...
285½	208	Close Bros	236	...	...	4.0	∞
£159½	£121½	Commerzbk	£122¾	+14⅛	...	6.4	...
£344½	£220½	Deutsche Bk	£260¾	+47⅛	...	2.3	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	65	...	...	2.9	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1354	...	...	0.4	...
515	395	Gerrard Nat	438	+1	22.0	6.3	12.6
1113	600	HSBC	699½	+4½	...	4.4	10.1
1133	600	HSBC HK	701	+3	...	4.4	10.1
473	309	Hambros	234	-1	...	8.8	8.8
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	5.2	12.2
170	106	King Shaxson	115	...	...	9.8	11.4
693	426	Kleinwort Ben	457	...	...	5.2	8.2
660	579	Lloyds	544	+5	...	5.3	10.7
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	115	...	...	3.9	17.5
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	478	-2	...	5.6	10.5
482	421	Nat West	482	-4	...	5.0	9.0
573	415	Provident	519	...	...	4.3	16.5
79	53	Rea Bros	61	...	...	1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	423	+3	...	3.5	19.1
1574	1050	Schroders	1330	-10	...	1.7	12.2
359½	223	Stand Chart	278	-1	...	2.9	8.5
301	197	TSB	223½	-5	...	4.7	10.6
199	101	Union	101	...	...	5.6	9.3
1012	560	Warburg SG	600	-14	...	4.6	7.5
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	8702½	-75	...	3.1	...
260	194	Westpac	200½	+4	...	2.7	...
300	213	Wintrust	215	-12	...	6.0	14.2

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	574	-1	...	4.8	14.0
619	485	Bass	541	+7	...	4.8	14.4
299	250	Boddington	253	...	...	4.1	13.6
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	393	-5	...	3.4	22.6
196	168	Burtonwood Brw	182	...	...	3.3	15.6
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	162	+1	...	2.7	23.2
68	46½	Fosters Brewing	55	...	...	5.0	∞
498	380	Fullr Sm 'A'	380	...	...	2.6	15.7
506	375	Greenall Wht	395	-4	...	4.2	17.2
511	399	Greenalls Grp	409	-1	...	3.9	15.7
584	452	Greene King	529	+1	...	3.0	14.7
542	428	Guinness	453	-2	...	3.6	14.9
263	239	Hardy Hanson	260	...	...	4.3	13.3
170	135	Heavitree	150	...	...	3.4	13.5
457	353	Highland Distl	410	...	...	2.2	18.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3575	-25	...	1.7	19.7
222	127	Macallan-Glen	215	...	...	0.7	56.3
695	565	Marstn Mstn 'A'	675	-10	...	1.8	27.7
346	185	Mansfield	327	...	...	2.4	13.8
314	256	Mrstn Thmp	307	-1	...	2.4	15.9
646	544	Matthew Clark	572	-3	...	4.1	12.7
250	113	Mrydwn W	114	...	...	2.7	...
545	463	Morland	510	...	...	2.5	17.1
10½	6½	Paramount	7¼	...	...	3.3	∞
274	209	Regent Inns	268	+1	...	2.5	∞
1527½	1000	SA Breweries	1440½	...	...	1.9	23.5
591	477	Scot & New	514	-4	...	4.1	15.3
190	142	Taunton Cider	153	...	...	5.4	11.7
306	229	Vaux Group	234	...	...	5.1	15.1
421	324½	Wetherspoon JD	401	-1	...	2.1	∞
617	494	Whitbread	546	-2	...	4.3	15.9
589	483	Wolvrhmptn D	510	-2	...	3.2	14.3
180	148	Yates Bros	171	+3	...	2.2	21.1
535	483	Young 'A'	488	-3	...	3.8	19.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	145	...	...	4.5	10.6
27	12	Albrighton	16	...	...	3.9	15.3
200	148	Allen	166	-3	...	4.0	19.7
164	99	Amec	100	...	...	3.8	57.7
462	333	Ashtead	430	-3	...	1.5	28.0
165	107	Attwoods	113	-1	...	5.5	...
363	274	BPB Ind	302½	-6½	...	3.3	20.4
142	95	Baggeridge Brk	125	-3	...	3.1	23.6
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35	...	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcon	32	...	...	5.9	4.4
80	36½	Barlon	36¼	...	...	6.8	...
292	161	Barratt Devs	169	+1	...	4.4	∞
169	122½	Beazer Homes	135	...	...	5.0	10.6
304	179	Bellway	191	...	...	4.1	18.0
59	36	Bellwinch	36	-4	...	...	31.7
244	125	Berisford Intl	189	+1	...	...	...
573	371	Berkeley Gp	322	...	...	2.4	15.5
235	118	Bett Bros	174	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	68	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	274	-5	...	5.1	19.5
359	249	Boot (Henry)	249	-1	...	3.3	12.2
84	35	Brandon Hire	71	...	...	2.6	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	90	...	...	6.4	25.8
156	130	Br Dredging	135	...	...	5.3	15.9
99	78	Brit Fittings	90	...	...	3.7	...
197½	120	Bryant	122	...	...	5.1	13.7
145½	111½	CALA	118	...	...	3.0	16.3
409	321	CRH	346	...	...	2.8	17.6
70	31	Cakebread Rby	45	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	22½	...	...	...	...
185	123	Countryside	126	...	...	4.2	28.0
120	82	Crest Nicholson	84	...	...	2.4	15.6
140	100	Cussins	108	...	...	3.9	13.0
23	19	Edmond Hldgs	21	...	...	...	...
380	273	Epwin	314	...	...	5.1	18.6
82	57	Erith	65	...	...	2.7	56.6
473	328	Eve Group	338	...	...	4.2	13.4
60	27	Galliford	28	...	...	4.5	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	90	...	...	3.8	...
1028	633	Gleeson (MJ)	840	...	...	2.1	∞
218	160	Graham Grp	160	-1	...	3.6	15.3
169	130	Hewden-Stuart	148	-1	...	2.5	17.3
82	46	Hewetson	76	...	...	2.1	...
473	286	Heywd Wlm	287	...	...	5.9	18.2
144	86	Higgs & Hill	94	...	...	3.3	...
41	32	How Gp	38	...	...	2.5	...
29	20	Howard Hldgs	23½	-½	...	4.3	20.9
100	67	Ibstock	76	...	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	+½	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	110	...	...	4.3	12.8
428	204	Laing (J)	237	...	...	4.7	21.4
164	90½	Laing 8.6% Cv Pf	98¼	+1	...	8.1	...
145	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.3
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	74	...	...	...	...
405	302	Manders	309	-1	...	4.0	15.0
213½	130	Marley	135	...	...	3.9	15.8
155	128	Marshalls	142	...	...	3.7	17.6
253	196	Maunders (J)	219	...	...	3.1	∞
321	186	McAlpine (A)	193	...	...	4.1	29.2
74	50½	McCarthy & S	57	...	...	...	...
559	359	Meyer Int	367	-1	...	3.1	15.5
185	94	Mowlem (J)	102½	-4	...	2.4	...
202½	96	NSM	99	-2	...	...	11.4
196	146	Newman Tnks	163	...	...	4.8	20.6
379½	265	Persimmon	308	+2	...	5.5	15.6
20	9	Phoenix Timber	12	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1631½	...	...	2.5	∞
198	128	Prowting	131	...	...	3.2	40.3
1079	805	RMC Gp	970	-3	...	2.8	20.0
116	53	Raine Ind	53	-2	...	7.1	11.0
40	19	Ramus	19	...	...	...	...
640	449	Redland	449	-5	...	7.0	20.8
108	70	Roskel	98	...	4.3	5.5	...
189½	116	Rugby Group	116	-1½	...	3.7	14.6
283	222	SIG	246	-1	...	2.8	19.8
61	50	Secure Retire	50	-1	...	...	...
67	50	Swfld-Rye	62	...	0.7	1.5	29.2
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175	...	...	3.1	12.8
367	233	Sheriff Hldgs	306	...	...	1.5	24.4
111	62½	Shorco	111	...	...	2.4	9.7
265	195	Smart (J)	233	...	...	4.6	20.1
5	1	Stanmin	1	...	...	...	...
306	121	Tarmac	124¼	+½	...	5.5	...
257	151	Tay Homes	180	...	...	4.5	∞
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	126	+2	...	1.7	30.8
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	550	...	...	7.4	42.9
60	36	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	20.2
370	224	Travis Perkins	293	...	...	3.5	18.1
29½	15	Trencherwood	18	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	24	...	...	2.6	...
28	21	Tudor	24	...	...	1.3	...
114	90	Vibroplant	114	...	...	3.9	30.1
170	123½	Wainhomes	127	...	...	4.1	13.7
74	48	Ward Hldgs	59	...	...	1.1	...
63	33	Waterhouse	51	...	...	...	...
543	450	Watts Blake	535	...	...	2.9	20.1
225½	148	Westbury	155	...	...	4.2	17.3
7	3½	Wiggins	7	+½	...	...	...
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	349	-1	...	3.4	15.6
259	171	Wilson (C)	180	...	...	2.9	15.0
249	132	Wimpey G	148	...	...	4.7	20.9
30	16	YRM	16	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	703	+3	...	...	...
503	253	Adam & Harvey	503	+5	...	3.7	6.9
83	58	Air London	65	...	...	6.9	∞
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
140	69	Auto Sec	76	+1	...	...	9.9
162	99	BET Ord	107	...	...	3.8	17.8
195	115	BNB Res	184	...	...	3.4	23.5
255	175	BPP	213	...	...	5.2	15.2
186	133	BSM	134	...	...	6.0	11.4
235	183	Barbour Index	183	...	...	5.8	∞
1½	0½	Black & Edg	0½	...	...	...	...
220	159	Brit Data Mgt	180	+2	...	3.8	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
70	57	Brooks Service	58	...	...	3.8	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	90	...	...	4.5	22.1
238	138	Capita Group	182	-1	...	2.3	20.6
59	28	Casket Plc	28	-½	...	4.9	9.5
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26	+½	...	...	...
85	40	Christie	40	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	311	+1	...	2.5	19.1
65	41	Corp Services	59	...	...	0.5	22.2
97	48	Coutts Cnslg	55	...	...	0.9	...
170	140	Dart	162	...	...	2.9	17.3
276	212	Davis Service	225	...	...	4.5	15.1
154	96	EW Fax	96	...	...	6.4	7.2
34	18	Gantlner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.7
334	261	Hays	273	+4	...	2.8	18.6
289	220	Hogg Robinson	220	-3	...	4.0	15.4
59	18	Holmes Protectn	23	...	...	...	14
365½	240	Hatch Whamp	271½	+3	...	2.0	20.1
2696½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1784½	...	...	5.9	1.9
609	395	Inchcape	419	+1	...	4.5	13.9
165	138	JBA Hldgs	139	-1	...	2.2	14.1
414	254	Johnson Clean	255	...	...	5.3	10.3
8	4	Lep	4½	...	...	...	...
194	141½	Mitie Gp	190	+1	...	1.5	22.2
1195½	1156½	Manpower	1746½	+3½	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	110	...	...	2.6	27.0
163	90	Parity	136	+1	...	2.1	35.5
115	83	Pentos	84	...	...	6.0	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	63	...	...	6.7	11.1
415	280	RCO	330	...	...	4.1	10.7
137	97	REA	136	...	...	5.5	28.1
177	104	Reed Executive	198	...	1.0	0.8	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	152	...	...	3.9	∞
279	199½	Rentokil	228¼	+2½	...	1.7	25.5
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	...	2.7	28.1
392	243	Salvesen (C)	264	+1	...	3.8	13.8
68	43	Scott Pickford	57	...	...	2.0	∞
17½	9	Select App	14	...	...	...	...
307	263	Serco Gp	289	...	...	1.6	26.3
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	99	...	...	...	...
130	93	Stretchley	99	...	...	4.0	15.5
146	100	Unipalm	108	...	...	2.8	15.5
338	325	Warner Howrd	327	...	...	3.4	10.4
30½	18	Wills Gp	19¾	-½	...	...	...

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	137½	+½	...	2.2	21.4
1141	910	Amersham	971	+1	...	2.0	30.3
3½	1½	Anglo Util	2	...	...	...	...
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£125½	+20½	...	2.4	...
373	286	BTP	299	...	...	4.2	18.9
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM£0	£150¾	-30½	...	6.6	...
171	97	Blagden	115	...	...	1.6	53.8
137	98	Brent Chems	114	...	...	4.4	...
615	341½	Brit Biotech	525	-5	...	...	17.4
17	5½	Cabrd Gp	6¼	...	...	...	...
199	153	Canning (W)	182	...	...	5.0	30.8
580	429	Courtaulds	451	...	...	4.3	34.8
389	227	Croda	353	-3	...	3.0	15.2
143	95	Doeflex	138	...	...	4.2	15.4
355	255	Ellis & Everard	304	...	...	3.6	19.5
62	35½	Enco Colour	47½	-1	...	2.3	22.0
399	337	Halstead (J)	374	-1	...	2.3	∞
223	148	Hickson	148	...	...	6.8	13.3
£157½	£108½	Hoechst	£131½	+3½	...	5.6	...
250	153½	Holliday Chem	237	...	...	2.3	17.7
946	728	ICI	799	+1	...	4.3	64.5
841	680	Laporte	689	+2	...	3.9	17.4
246	158	Leigh	186	...	...	5.2	17.2
95	48	MTM	81	...	...	0.8	...
2940½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2484½	-3½	...	1.3	∞
625	428	Petersen 2th	453	...	...	3.1	∞
595	413	Petersen 2th 'A'	434	...	...	4.0	∞

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
250	173	Flym	173	...	...	5.1	24.7
349	255	Fosvair	286	+1	...	1.9	21.5
66	31	Sutcliffe Speak	34	...	...	1.8	20.2
480	361	Wardle Storeys	411	...	...	5.2	21.5
823	570	Wolstnhlme R	785	...	...	3.0	16.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	395	...	...	2.6	17.0
336	258	Yule Catto	294	...	...	2.8	21.6
969	692	Zeneca	837	-1	...	4.1	16.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Alders	219	...	...	3.5	16.3
410	307	Argos Plc	324	...	...	3.2	17.1
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	72	+1	...	0.2	...
357	134	Asprey	139	+1	...	5.4	6.9
246	176	Austin Reed	162	...	...	2.8	12.2
160	135	Beattie (J) 'A'	136	...	...	3.7	17.8
150	110	Bentalls	126	...	...	2.9	42.7
165	76	Betterware	93	...	...	6.7	5.6
48	31	Blacks Leis	31	...	...	9.3	...
264	195½	Body Shop	224	-1	...	1.2	19.6
601	497	Boots	522	-4	...	3.6	20.6
12½	3½	Brown & Jackson	3¾	...	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)	227	-2	...	2.3	20.1
74½	51	Burton	67½	-¼	...	3.2	...
245	233	Castors	153	...	...	3.3	...
520	388	Church	496	...	...	3.3	25.4
171	96	Clinton Cards	101	+1	...	5.8	14.2
287	191	Coats Viyella	191	-5	...	5.5	16.3
170	88	C'ty Casuals	88	...	...	6.1	9.0
903	720	Courts Furnish	725	...	...	1.0	37.4
210	155	Crown Spo	160	...	...	7.4	7.0
137	79½	Dairy Farm Intl	80¼	+½	...	4.3	11.7
145	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	125	+1	...	1.7	17.6
287	170	Dixons Grp	194½	-1½	...	4.2	20.7
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.8	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	27.2
284	181	Essex Furn	195	+3	...	2.8	∞
326	217	Etam	282½	+½	...	3.4	15.8
558	457	Fine Art Dev	463	...	14.3	3.9	14.3
68	46	Fired Earth	67	...	...	...	...
155	136	Formininster	148	...	...	2.7	∞
208	124	French Conn	248	...	...	...	10.3
78	48	Gent SR	60	...	...	4.1	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	124	...	...	1.9	22.1
653	534	GUS	558	-2	...	2.9	16.4
196	164	Hamleys	165	...	...	3.6	15.7
31	21	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	66.2
70½	13½	Hartstone	14½	...	...	2.8	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	69	...	...	4.5	10.1
227	178	Hse of Fraser	190½	-2½	...	3.2	17.7
95	68½	Hughes (IJ)	87	-1	...	3.7	14.3
211	173	Jacques Vert	188	...	...	3.0	16.6
778	467	Kingfisher	473	+2	...	3.9	12.4
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67	...	...	7.5	14.1
435	335	Liberty	340	...	...	1.8	...
380	277	Lloyds Chem	303	+3	...	3.9	9.7
186	126	MFI	138	...	...	3.6	17.3
400½	380	Marks Spencer	420	+1	...	2.7	19.5
680	495	Menzies (John)	496	...	...	3.2	12.2
377	258	Moss Bros	367	...	...	2.9	14.4
275	214	Next	236	+1	...	3.6	14.3
96	39	Oliver (G)	89½	-2	...	...	22.7
335	255	Oriflame Intl	262	...	...	5.0	11.0
37	12	Pentos	16½	...	...	...	...
268	168	QS Hldgs	168	...	...	3.9	18.4
62	22	Rhino Grp	23	...	...	2.7	21.9
209	140	Rossbys	140	...	...	4.2	16.4
180	90	Sherwood Gp	98	-2	...	4.2	8.9
132	99½	Sears	108	-1	...	4.3	16.3
46	21	Signet Group	21	...	...	...	2.2
549	427	Smith WH	459	...	...	4.2	23.7
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...	...	...
252	189	Storehouse	219½	-1½	...	3.1	19.5
198	146	T & S Stores	187	...	...	4.6	11.8
173	114	Tie Rack	121½	...	...	1.8	14.4
265	215	Time Products	238	...	...	4.7	15.8
132	105	Usher (Frank)	121	...	...	7.2	9.2
539	384	Vendome	515	-8	...	1.3	39.6
44	34	Vivat	40	...	...	3.9	10.4
70	33	WEW Group	35	...	...	2.1	25.8
108	42	Wensum	104	...	...	3.5	15.1
129	87½	Wickes	88	...	...	1.8	19.8
93½	52	Wld of Leather	79	...	...	1.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	145	...	...	3.9	15.4

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	96½	ACT Group	96½	-½	...	6.8	9.0
296	248	Acal	284	...	...	3.0	17.8
650	478	Admiral	645	...	...	1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	182	...	...	3.4	15.0
46	34	Alphameric	41	...	...	...	31.3
50	25½	Amstrad	27½	+½	...	2.3	...
110	73	App Holo	101	-1	...	...	...
39	26	Arlen	33	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	82½	...	...	1.4	16.9
281	118	Azlan	132	-2	...	2.8	10.7
283	239	Beales Hunter	275	...	...	4.4	∞
478	325	BICC	332	+1	...	7.2	20.9
535	405	Bick	405	-10	...	3.2	16.3
1100	637½	Borland	650	...	...	...	...
380	289	Bowthorpe	303	...	...	2.9	17.3
486	353½	BT	379	-1	...	5.5	13.2
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	...	...	3.8	10.2
79	55	Burnfield	72	+5	...	3.2	30.9
543	381	Cable Wireless	392	-5	...	2.6	16.7
35½	24	Chloride	28½	-¼	...	...	73.4
283	263	CML Micro	269	...	...	2.8	17.2
220	105	Comptr People	195	...	...	1.6	44.4
302	154	Cray Elect	177½	-½	...	1.6	∞
467	412	Critchley	436	...	...	2.3	19.5
586	432	Delta	437	-2	...	4.2	18.7
663	446	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
560	400	Domino	520	...	...	2.0	22.4
78	63	Dowding Mills	64	...	...	5.0	23.4
1635	1220	Druck	1460	...	...	0.9	22.2
585	443	Electrocompnts	458	-6	...	2.6	20.0
197	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	155	...	...	2.6	16.0
39½	21	Emess	32	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	382	-1	...	1.6	22.6
212	159½	FKI	159	+½	...	2.9	18.4
656	497	Farnell Elect	497	-4	...	2.0	20.4
346	296	First Tech	333	...	...	1.3	19.2
283	194	Forward Gp	194	...	...	3.2	11.6
58	14½	Forward Tech	44	...	...	2.1	9.1
353½	269½	GEC	274	-4	...	4.9	13.8
191	119	Gaseby	150	...	...	5.0	14.1
14½	10	Graystone	13	...	...	2.3	11.0
193	121	Ind Control	122	...	...	5.1	∞
388	308	Jones Stroud	345	...	...	3.3	16.5
165	99	Kalamazoo Cmp	122	...	...	3.4	13.8
396	335	Kenwood App	376	-4	...	3.0	18.0
298	221	Kewill Syr	253	...	...	2.5	11.0
165	38	Kode	60	...	...	8.3	...
35	19	Laser-Scan	20	...	...	...	...
149½	68	LEMS	100	+1	...	...	...
371	187	Life Sciences	139	...	...	3.7	13.8
321	266	Logica	206	...	...	2.1	∞
93	45	LPA Ind	54	...	...	3.7	...
316	110	MR Data Mngt	114	-1	...	6.1	∞
723	423	Macro 4	423	...	...	5.9	11.9
281	230	Meaevier-Sw	262	-3	...	2.0	20.4
1320	790	Micro Focus	895	+7	...	...	10.8
126	115	Microgen	117	...	...	7.2	11.7
45	31	Microvitec	35	...	...	...	...
548½	424	Misys	424	-1	...	2.4	∞
494	185	Mitel	214	...	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	173	-2	...	3.1	17.7
520	250	MTL Inst	320	...	...	1.7	19.3
148	109	Murray Ent	113	...	...	2.2	...
2249½	2284½	NYNEX	2350	+6½	...	...	...
128	53	Neotronics	53	-1	...	6.1	11.5
63	48	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
489	279	Norbain	430	...	...	0.6	21.1
100	47	Northamber	87	-1	...	1.1	36.9
9½	4	Oceonics	4	...	...	...	...
31	23	Orbis	23	-1	0.5	2.8	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	309	...	...	2.0	18.2
84	69	P & P	69	...	...	3.9	17.1
94	74½	Peek	80	...	...	5.4	19.9
235	160	Pegasus	160	...	...	3.9	16.1
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
2175	1400	Philips Lamp nv	1903½	+12½	...	1.0	8.7
448	210	Phonelink	210	+2	...	...	...
390	283	Pifco	354	...	...	1.6	24.3
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	332	...	...	1.7	22.8
140	70	Plasmec	120	...	...	3.9	...
129	100	Pressac	110	...	...	2.9	22.3
393	181	Psion	255	+1	...	1.4	17.9
281	187	Racal Elect	250	...	...	2.1	20.5
52	33	Radamec	52	...	...	4.6	14.3
48	23	Radius	38	...	...	1.2	...
169	73	Real Time	156	...	...	3.2	11.8
371	229	Roxboro	230	...	...	2.4	16.8
615	507	Sage Gp	605	...	...	2.1	16.3
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	80	...	...	4.5	...
89	15	Scantronic	17½	+2½	...	6.0	∞
250	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
437	310	Sema Gp	435	+1	...	1.0	26.2
220	265	Servomex	266	...	...	3.1	28.4
49	35	Silverlines	35	...	...	2.9	20.8
94	63	Soundtracks	63	-1	...	4.8	14.3
3225	2265½	TDK	2921½	+53½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	11	...	...	...	...
101	51	TGI	84	-1	...	3.0	15.7
170	80	Telemetrix	85	-1	...	1.5	10.9
318	191	Telspec	307	-1	...	1.0	37.1
1165	963	Thorn EMI	972	-7	...	4.4	19.8
230	133	Thorpe FW	215	...	...	1.9	15.7
43	22	Total Systems	36	...	...	...	37.4
303	215	Tunstall	252	+1	...	1.8	18.0
363	256	Unitech	353	+5	...	2.3	27.6
16	8½	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31	21	Vistec	21	...	...	2.4	11.4
229	157½	Vodafone	189	+1	...	1.7	26.0
483	395	Volex	395	-4	...	5.7	17.3
200	60	Wakebourne	94	...	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selectn	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	255	Wholesale Ftgs	256	-3	11.7	5.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	659	-15	...	4.9	45.3
866	516	Eastern Grp	742½	-12½	...	3.9	16.2
477	308	Hydro-Elect	313	-6	...	5.0	9.9
793	534	London Elect	685	-17	...	4.0	10.6
871	635	Manweb	785	-14	...	3.9	9.4
840	547	Midlands Elec	741	-4	...	3.9	11.4
520	404½	National Power	474	-7	...	3.3	11.5
858	589	Northern Elec	792	-2	...	3.9	9.9
421	339	Nthn Ireland	363	-5	...	3.9	9.9
880	587	Norweb	781	-16	...	3.7	10.3
602	449	PowerGen	546	-8	...	2.9	12.0
488	325	Scottish Power	342	-2	...	4.5	10.8
453	299	Seeboard	412	-10	...	3.6	10.9
840	591	Sth Wales	780	-10	...	4.1	10.6
824	551	Sth Western	755	-3	...	3.9	10.0
837	540	Southern Elec	759	-6	...	3.7	11.9
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	717	-10	...	4.1	14.0

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	...	2.5	...
165	79	BWD	95	...	...	5.5	7.8
126	96	Baltic Plc	125	...	...	2.0	7.9
215	163	Botec Inv	165	-1	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	679	...	...	3.0	14.8
2850	1900	Camellia	2375	...	...	1.7	6.4
363	310	Candover	325	...	...	4.3	...
212	179	Exco	179	...	...	5.9	9.7
465	353	Govett	363	+1	...	4.9	6.2
250	185	Ivory Sime	236	...	...	4.0	18.4
428	150	Johnson Fry	165	...	1.5	1.1	...

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
245	198	Lon Forfaiting	155	...	...	7.5	9.7
57	44	Manakin	52	...	...	...	...
29½	8½	Nat Home Loan	16½	...	...	...	0.3
58	16	Newmarket	16	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	263	...	...	4.0	13.0
29	21½	Rutland Tst	27	...	...	4.2	13.7
369	281½	S & U	330	...	...	4.1	20.7
114	75	Singer & Fried	79	-2	...	5.0	10.2
1260	788	Sotheby's	773	...	...	3.6	33.4
188	116	STP Capital	129	...	...	2.0	8.0
224	143	Towry Law	145	...	...	3.9	12.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2057½	1628½	Amer Express	1825	+18½	...	...	...
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	134	...	...	5.4	9.9
229	157	Gartmore	169½	...	...	2.9	19.6
1208	845	Henderson Ad	915	...	...	6.0	14.5
251½	151	Invesco	155	+1	...	3.0	25.4
317	214½	Jardine Strat	234½	+3	...	3.3	10.2
323	218	MAI	235	+2	...	4.1	12.8
117½	89½	MAI 5.5% Cv Pf	91½	...	...	...	...
770	558	MAM	600	...	...	4.7	14.0
1243	794	M & G	910	+2	...	3.8	19.1
496	334	Smith New Crt	334	...	...	3.7	2.8
65	25	Trio Hldgs	30	...	...	6.2	13.6

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	524	-2	...	3.6	10.3
68	50½	ASDA Group	61½	-½	...	3.6	14.1
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	279	-3	...	3.8	11.1
74	43	Albert Fisher	44	...	...	11.0	14.3
315	222½	Argyll	256	-1	...	5.6	11.2
220	220	Banks (S C)	220	...	...	5.5	8.4
373	305	Barr (AG)	370	...	...	2.3	23.9
72	42	Bensons Crsp	42	-2	...	6.4	...
481	378	Booker	405	-1	...	6.8	14.9
56½	48	Borthwick	51	...	...	3.2	21.8
505	413	Brake Bros	427	...	...	2.1	15.3
43	24	Budgen	25	...	...	5.0	15.9
212	156	CPL Aromas	209	+1	...	1.8	20.0
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	426	+1	...	4.5	14.1
232	143	Carrs Milling	186	-3	...	3.1	10.0
167	130	Cranswick	149	...	...	6.9	12.4
17	11½	Culless	14	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	104	-8	...	1.8	∞
543	389	Dalgety	430	+3	...	6.1	12.0
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
294	212	Devro	212	-1	...	3.7	14.3
101	54	Everest	56	...	...	5.6	∞
394	344	Forepak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	5½	Farringford	5½	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	78	...	...	6.8	10.3
108	87	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.7	18.0
371	189	Geest	199	...	...	5.2	...
20½	13	Global	13	...	...	4.8	11.9
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	121	...	...	6.9	7.6
196½	151	Hillsdown	166	+2	...	6.6	11.8
28	16	Hobson	23½	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	163	-4	...	3.0	10.1
111	93	JLI Group	95	-2	...	6.3	13.4
606	523	Kwik Save	545	-5	...	4.3	9.5
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	114	-1	...	3.0	13.7
18	9	Merchant Retail	9	-½	...	2.8	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	133	...	...	1.0	15.5
246	205	Nichols (JN)	241	...	...	3.0	15.5
271½	193	Ntn Foods	200	+2	...	5.5	9.8
14	9	Nthmbrn Fs	11	...	...	...	...
232	172	Nurdin Peack	172	-1	...	4.8	9.5
146	89½	Park Foods	120	...	...	2.5	24.3
81	62	Perkins Food	75½	-½	...	7.4	12.7
141	109	PizzaExpress	112	...	...	2.2	17.2
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
490	342	Sainsbury J	386	+2	...	3.4	13.6
96	73	Sentry Farm	81	...	...	3.5	8.2
122	71	Sims Food	81	...	...	11.6	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	413	-3	...	4.0	10.2
255	200½	Tesco	232	-1	...	4.3	11.6
198	162	Thorntons	175	...	...	3.5	14.3
238	145	Treatt	218	...	...	2.4	17.8
434½	323	Unigate	328	+2	...	6.6	9.3
388	298½	Utd Biscuits	295	+1	...	6.5	24.1
21	7	Usborne	7	-½	...	5.9	5.2
422	279	Watson& Philip	375	...	...	4.9	15.2
49	34	West Trust	34	...	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	77	...	...	2.9	15.6
285	209½	Forte	224	-3	...	4.2	26.5
207	169	Friendly Hotels	179	...	...	4.0	30.0
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	158½	+½	...	4.4	14.2
217½	149	Ladbroke	149	-1	...	2.9	26.3
109½	74½	Mandarin Orntl	78½	+½	...	4.0	20.8
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels E	27¼	...	...	4.7	15.7
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	79½	-1	...	1.9	28.6

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	41	...	...	...	...
544	392	AAH	394	...	...	5.7	14.0
185	119	AIM	150	...	...	2.8	40.0
85	60½	APV	63¼	+3	...	8.7	...
220	157	ASW	189	-1	...	4.0	...
206	148	Adwest	148	...	...	6.3	15.1
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18	...	...	5.2	51.0
312	223	Airsprung	244	...	...	2.5	15.2
230	146	Alexdra W	148	...	...	4.9	15.8
11½	5½	Allied Radio	5½	...	...	...	...
341	283	Alumasc	340	...	...	2.2	∞
73	27½	Alvis	35	...	...	3.6	24.3
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	54	...	...	2.3	29.5
81	43	Anagen	57	...	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	68	...	...	...	...
380	199½	Antofagasta	338	-10	...	1.3	22.2
62	48	Armour	51½	...	...	4.5	∞
175	158	Ash & Lacy	158	...	...	5.1	16.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.4	58.8
639	474	Avon Rubber	537	...	...	3.8	23.3
297½	245	Assoc Nursg	245	...	...	1.0	14.3
553	490	Atlas Equip	533	...	...	5.2	17.8
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	113	...	1.5	1.7	...
236	173	BBA	187	-1	...	3.0	...
193	115	BLP Group	163	...	...	0.8	44.7
51	34½	BM Gp	45	+½	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	679	+9	...	4.3	28.6
86½	53	BSG	58	...	...	6.9	36.3
578	495	BSS Group	525	...	...	4.2	21.9
405	299	BTR	308	...	...	5.2	15.9
126	138	BWI	145	...	...	6.0	∞
40½	26½	Babcock	30	+½	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
220	216	Baird (Wm)	218	...	...	5.2	18.3
568½	368½	Barlow	481½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	78	+1	...	2.8	20.0
25½	17	Bearing Power	23	...	...	4.1	14.6
95	28	Beaufort	32	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	30	...	...	...	...
18½	8½	Benson Group	10	...	...	4.1	∞
393	243	Bespak	224	-2	...	4.7	14.1
91	49	Bibby (J)	62	+7	...	4.0	...
226	123	Billam (J)	124	...	...	5.3	7.7
39	26	Bilston Batrsa	26	...	...	...	...
10	5½	Bimec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	244	...	...	3.1	17.9
48	30	Black Arrow	41	...	...	7.9	10.0
290	233	Black (Peter)	262½	...	...	2.1	18.8
250	139½	Bluebird Toys	226	...	...	3.3	6.7
329	262	Bodycote	311	...	...	2.2	21.1
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	65	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	26	...	...	3.8	∞
526	409	Bowater	443	+1	...	3.7	16.6
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1653½	-71½	...	...	...
297	248	Boxmore Intl	280	...	...	1.9	17.8
20	15	Brasway	15¼	...	...	4.3	15.8
370	288	Brammer	340	...	...	4.8	18.9
31	16	Bridgend Gp	16	...	...	1.6	...
171	120	Bridon	156	...	...	3.2	...
101	74	Bridport-Gndry	101	+6	...	3.8	∞
57½	44	Brierley Inv	45	+1	...	9.1	∞
235	180	Br Bldg & Eng	180	...	...	5.7	∞
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	444	-1	...	3.4	15.6
172½	121½	Br Steel	159½	-1½	...	1.6	58.0
176	43	Br Thornton	43	...	...	17.4	3.8
309	219	Br Vita	236	-2	...	4.0	17.6
180½	129	Brixton Grp	130	...	...	2.4	19.1
988	773½	Broken Hill	904	-10	...	2.2	38.1
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	89	...	...	6.3	11.3
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	48	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	146	...	...	3.2	34.0
16	7	Business Tech	7½	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	2.5	...
54	31	Campbell & Arm	43	...	...	...	...
39	11½	Cannon St	15½	-½	...	...	5.9
488	393	Cantab Pharms	393	...	...	...	...
278	236	Cape	237	...	...	5.8	15.1
455	254	Caradon	262	-9	...	4.2	17.4
219½	128½	Caradon pf	129¼	-4	7.2	7.1	...
293	248	Carclo Eng	248	...	...	4.6	16.2
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Md	2190½	+3½	...	2.2	16.9
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	137	-1	...	2.4	16.8
66	29	Cathay Intl	30	+1	...	...	...
68	191	Celltech	216	+1	...	...	...
330	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
836	626½	Charter	768	...	...	3.7	21.8
380	222	Chemring	282	-2	...	4.0	15.4
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Intl	163	...	...	1.5	28.8
80	60	Claybithe	75	...	...	4.4	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	540	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	247	...	...	4.0	14.3
263	183	Concentric	183	...	...	4.1	15.2
310	249	Cook (Wm)	271	...	...	3.5	13.0
285	226½	Cookson	234	+6	...	3.5	21.2
117	81	Copymore	115	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	108	Crnwl Pkr 'A'	108	-1	...	6.6	24.2
157	109	Cosalt	132	-2	...	5.9	...
285	190	Creighton Nt	194	...	...	5.0	∞
44	30	CressCare	32	...	...	3.0	...
2062½	1506½	Dana	1506½	...	...	...	...
388	269	Danka Bs Sys	283	+1	...	0.7	24.1
296	198	David Brown	212	-½	...	3.9	15.0
1021	825	De La Rue	980	-1	...	2.6	20.9
162	133	Denby Group	153	...	...	2.5	14.9
52	32	Dinkie Heel	34	...	...	5.2	9.8
628	445½	Diploma	451	-1	...	3.5	18.1
97	70	Dobson Park	78	...	...	6.0	15.4
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	92	...	...	4.8	∞
97	75	Dyson 'A'	75	...	...	5.8	∞
16	12	EPG	14½	...	0.1	0.9	9.5
442	364	EIS	391	+1	...	4.0	15.6
25	13	Elbief	17	...	...	...	...
33	25	Eleco	31	...	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3259½	-40½	...	1.7	54.7
91	69	Elliott (B)	88	...	...	1.4	13.4
447½	320	Eng China Cl	332	+2	...	6.1	16.0
146	96	Enviromed	120	...	...	0.2	...
3781½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3721½	-6½	...	1.0	31.8
86	56	Eurocopy	63	...	...	3.6	18.6
118	60	Expamet	102	...	...	3.2	72.3
402	334½	Fairey Group	369	-1	...	2.1	19.5
146	109	Fenner	135	...	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	34	Ferrum	34	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	8.8
157	107	Fisons	116	+1	...	3.0	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	41	...	...	11.3	...
303	263	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group nv	44	...	1.5	4.3	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
284	205	Frost Group	230	...	...	2.9	23.2
88	77	GEI Intl	82	...	...	2.3	23.0
660	510½	GKN	604	+3	...	4.2	35.3
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	127	...	...	4.6	...
191	112	Gestetner	112	-1	...	2.7	...
66	49	Gleves	60	...	...	3.2	38.2
725	520	Glaxo	582	-1	...	5.8	14.2
46	24	Glenchewton	24	...	...	...	45.2
404	321	Glynwed	327	-3	...	4.5	18.9
209	125	Goode Durrant	189	-1	...	4.0	14.8
185	96	Grampian Hdg	96½	...	...	7.1	17.8
598	475	Granada	508	...	...	2.2	20.1
85	71	Green (Ernst)	80	...	...	9.4	∞
15½	10½	Greenacre	10½	...	...	4.0	14.3
85	61	Haden MacLn	72	...	...	3.5	18.6
122	93	Hadleigh	119	...	...	2.1	13.9
76	59	Hallite Hldgs	64	-1	...	...	50.0
320	143	Hall Eng	147	...	...	6.8	11.5
256	204	Halma	219	-1	...	1.4	25.7
73	47	Hampson Ind	51	-1	...	4.9	9.2
302	217½	Hanson	221½	+1½	...	6.8	19.9
161	122	Harris (Philip)	140	...	...	6.1	17.3
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	159	-1	...	7.1	18.1
191	121	Havelock Euro	183	...	...	2.1	16.7
48	28	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	...	...
50	31	Headway	31	...	...	2.8	24.1
511	284	Hepworth	280	-2	...	6.4	16.5
205	130	Hewitt (J)	130	...	...	3.1	...
75	46	High-Point	46	...	...	1.4	...
184½	137	Hill & Smith	148	...	...	4.9	16.1
191	88	Holders Tech	95	...	...	7.9	10.3
63	39	Hopkinsons	52	...	...	3.1	...
216	176	Hornby	180	...	...	6.2	15.7
103	78	Howden	85	...	...	3.6	13.6
202	234	Hozelock	246	...	...	3.0	17.5
265	159	Hunting	160	...	...	8.0	30.9
513	402	Huntleigh Tec	420	...	...	1.6	19.6
379	286	IMI	289	+2	...	4.4	24.5
138	110	ISA Intl	113	...	...	1.9	14.1
165	39	Intercare Gp	39	...	...	11.2	4.2
325	283	Isotron	284	...	...	2.1	∞
718	409½	Jardine Math	495½	+3½	...	2.8	11.7
628	488	Johnson Matth	554	...	...	2.6	22.1
51	37	Johnson & FB	37	-½	...	1.2	...
204	149	Johnston	277	...	...	2.0	33.3
32	25	Jones Stimpson	30	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30	...	...	4.2	29.3
191½	141	Kalon	141	-1½	...	3.9	13.4
315	230	Kelsey Ind	315	...	...	3.2	...
875	730	Kenshaw (A)	865	...	...	4.0	39.8
276	163	Kleeneze	166	...	...	0.8	36.8
444	340	Laird	341	+1	...	4.0	16.1
170	145	Lilleshall	155	...	...	3.8	16.2
229	205	Lincat	225	...	...	3.8	14.0
408	313	Linton Park	398	...	...	5.5	11.4
14	4½	Lionheart	5½	...	...	4.8	...
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16	...	...	1.6	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	86	+2	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	131½	+½	...	3.8	36.1
438	364	Low & Bonar	411	...	...	3.1	16.4
49	38	ML Hdgs	38	...	...	2.8	13.2
67	47	MS Intl	47	-2	...	6.6	28.4
70	45	MY Holdings	54	...	...	3.8	∞
271	223	Macfarlane	269	...	...	1.9	21.7
539	418	McKechnie	426	-6	...	4.4	15.4
127	100	McLeod Russel	109	...	...	7.0	17.0
104	69	Magnolia	69	...	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mang Bronze	145	...	...	3.4	∞
26½	18½	Marling	25	...	...	3.3	44.8
231	166	Mayborn	186	...	...	4.0	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	54	-2	...	3.2	22.0
187	120	Medeva	165	+4	...	2.2	13.3
120	71½	Meggitt	73	...	...	6.7	11.6
120	101	Metalrax	107	...	...	4.4	17.8
128	99	Metroject	102	...	...	4.2	13.8
133	99	Mentec	131	-1	...	2.0	18.2
124	60	Midstates	75	...	...	...	10.4
6	3½	Middlesex Hlds	5½	...	...	...	...
589	539	Molins	539	...	...	3.7	10.8
408	311	Morgan Cble	311	...	...	5.1	15.1
217	176	Morris Ashby	210	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	36	...	...	4.3	16.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	47	...	...	8.4	11.6
274	214	Nobo Gp	228	...	...	3.3	14.6
212½	119	Norcros	123	-2	...	7.1	22.1
35	24½	Novo Group	25	...	...	1.0	∞
64	48	OMI Intl	49	-½	...	4.5	...
175	153	PCT	155	...	...	6.0	15.0
91	66	Pacer Systems	70	...	...	6.3	25.3
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	94	-½	...	3.8	18.7
310	207	Photo-Me	230	-5	...	2.6	24.0
208	162	Pilkington	192½	-½	...	2.6	...
55	38	Plant & Gen	52	...	...	4.3	∞
185	82	Plasmobrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	126	Polypipe	128	...	...	2.2	∞
44	16	Porter Chadburn	38	-1	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	286	-1	...	3.1	13.2
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	14½	-½	...	7.1	7.7
77	56	RPS Group	68	...	...	4.8	12.3
108	60	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
447½	359½	Rank Org	406	-3	...	3.9	26.0
71	13	Ransomes	59½	-½	...	...	...
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	573	...	...	3.9	14.5
95	70	Record	85	...	...	5.3	19.1
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	259	...	...	2.6	47.3
309	268	Renishaw	302	...	...	2.9	26.5
185	126	Renold	176	-½	...	1.8	24.4
539½	424	Reuters	450	-6	...	1.9	22.5
90	72	Rexmore	78	...	...	4.0	7.9
194	138	Ricardo Group	145	...	...	5.2	17.6
73	51	Richard (Leics)	51	...	...	5.5	36.5
104½	81	Richardson West	82	...	...	4.9	18.0
164	118½	Ropner	125	...	...	7.5	14.2
24	7½	Ross Gp	9	...	...	2.8	...
195	157	Rotork	166	-1	...	3.3	16.9
190	137	Rubicon	137	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	90	...	...	3.1	18.5
...	34½	SBP Indl	35	...	...	3.2	16.5
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1162½	-6½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	206	...	...	3.6	17.6
210	145	Scholl	150	...	...	5.3	14.4
295	242	Scotia	262	...	...	...	...
1543	1146	Securicor	1438	...	...	0.3	35.6
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	928	...	...	0.4	23.0
892	606	Security Serv	743	...	...	1.0	23.5
150½	73	Senior Eng	80	-4	...	5.3	13.0
356	291	Seton Health	346	...	...	2.3	17.6
180	138	Shiloh	158	...	...	2.8	10.5
351½	192	Sidlaw	194	+2	...	7.1	9.6
630	500	Siebe	519	+4	...	2.6	16.7
378	194	Silentnight	232	...	...	4.3	14.6
196	137	Sime Darby	166	+4	...	3.3	17.2
130½	75	Simon Eng	102	...	...	...	...
244	175	Sinclair (Wm)	175	...	...	5.1	13.5
82	38	Six Hundred	81	...	...	2.3	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	141	+1	...	4.5	15.6
465½	357½	Smithkline	405½	+2½	...	3.8	15.7
421	322	Smithkline Uts	369	+1	...	4.2	14.3
527½	411	Smiths Ind	448	-4	...	3.7	16.9
104	41	Sthn Bus	49	...	...	9.5	7.6
280	159½	Spandex	250	...	...	1.2	20.1
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	440	+4	...	2.8	18.7
81½	42½	Spring Ram	43½	-½	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	207	...	...	5.1	60.5
267	197	Sterling Ind	237	-1	...	3.3	21.3
230	165	Suter	167	...	...	7.0	16.1
604	431	Swire Pacific 'A'	441	+9½	...	2.0	∞
178	149	Sytone	160	+2	...	3.9	17.7
455	343	TI	356	-1	...	4.0	19.7
44	31	TLS Range	36	-½	...	3.5	14.5
402	330	TT Group	352	+2	...	2.5	∞
292	192	Takare	228	+1	2.0	1.1	19.9
852½	656	Takeda Chem	754½	-13½	...	0.8	14.2
121	92	Tinsley (E)	119	...	...	3.9	19.4
220	162	Titan	162	...	...	3.3	13.8
283	202	Tomkins	203	-3	...	4.5	13.0
124	74½	Trafalgar H	81½	-3½	...	1.5	...
105	45	Transfer Tech	56	...	...	7.5	7.8
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	130	...	...	6.7	∞
313	256	UniChem	269	...	...	3.2	15.4
440	245	Unidare	305	...	...	3.5	16.6
54	33	Unigroup	36	...	...	...	...
1247	958	Unilever	1116	...	25.0	2.8	16.1
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7219½	+25	...	3.0	14.6
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	0.8	...
1328	980	VSEL	1308	+3	...	3.4	12.3
31½	12	Verson	13½	...	...	...	...
204	163	Vickers	169	...	...	2.6	17.9
327	239	Victaulic	239	-2	...	4.2	13.1
19	9½	Viltex Grpa	11	...	...	...	...
522	451	Vinten	492	-1	...	2.1	12.8
805	661	Vosper Thorny	755	...	...	3.2	15.3
65	37	WSP Hldgs	58	...	...	4.1	34.0
522	451	Wagon Ind	464	...	...	4.8	23.6
114	97	Walker Greenbk	104	+1	...	4.1	18.6
324	249½	Warwick	279	+2	...	1.6	24.0
63	44	Wrford Wdgwd	58	...	...	...	45.2
354½	240½	Weir	280	-3	...	3.0	16.7
731	498	Wellcome	632	-11	...	3.5	14.1
220	195	Wellingtn Hdg	193	...	...	3.3	18.6
39½	37½	Wellman	38	...	...	3.0	82.0
400	294	West Hithcre	364	...	...	1.5	∞
548	383	Whatman	385	...	...	3.4	14.1
284	93	Wheesoe	111	-4	...	9.2	8.5
155½	93	Whitecroft	145	...	...	1.7	22.9
13½	9½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	340	+1	...	4.8	21.0
59½	39½	Wilshaw	59	-½	...	1.3	24.3
975	705	Wolseley	738	+13	...	2.9	14.3
155	156	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	67	-1	...	0.9	∞
96	70	Young (H)	70	-2	...	5.9	74.9

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1206½	-31½	...	5.5	...
2047½	1587½	Am Gen	1625	+37½	...	4.4	...
86	47	Archer	56	...	...	2.2	...
165	85	Bradstock	94	...	...	7.4	10.8
550	370	Britannic	407	+3	...	4.0	...
117	89	CLM Insce	90	...	1.4	2.0	...
701½	481	Com Union	524	+6	...	6.0	19.8
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670	...	...	2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	34	...	...	1.3	...
194	142	Fenchurch Grp	145	...	...	6.2	13.0
757	529	Gen Accident	556	+6	...	6.3	9.0
247	161	GRE	182	-2	...	5.4	20.3
457	237	Heath C E	238	-1	...	8.4	...
323	239	Independent	254	...	...	4.3	6.9
203	126	JIB Group	132	-2	...	7.1	12.1
547	407	Legal & Gen	433	+5	...	5.9	17.2
1415½	965½	Liberty Life	1378½	-3½	...	7.3	5.5
119	91	LDMT	93	...	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	336	+10	...	6.9	10.2
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	181	+2	...	5.4	11.9
185	159	Lombard Ins	176	...	...	5.5	16.8
443	313	Londn & Man	318	-2	...	6.4	15.8
236	167	Lowndes Lmb	167	-2	...	5.6	10.5
5893½	4606½	Marsh McLn	4656½	-25	...	3.8	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	174	...	...	4.0	17.4
129½	109	Oriel	113	...	...	5.5	∞
83	34	PWS	34	...	...	11.0	...
385	271	Prudential	308	+10	...	5.5	13.3
404	261	Refuge	275	-1	...	5.3	20.2
350	232½	Royal	280	+3	...	4.0	7.0
222	139	Sedgwick	149	-1	...	5.0	16.9
155	104	Steel Burrill	113	...	...	10.0	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	76	...	...	4.9	...
418	285	Sun Alliance	321	-4	...	5.8	8.9
96	51	Trade Indemnty	59	-4	...	1.9	13.1
464	332	Transatlantic	335	...	...	4.5	30.3
673	460	Utd Friendly	483	-15	...	4.4	24.8
245	133	Willis Corroon	146	-4	...	5.7	14.1
28	20	Windsor	25	...	...	...	19.6



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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	316½	-2½	...	2.6	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1725	-4	...	3.4	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	413	-1	...	2.2	...
161	117	BZW Conv	120¼	-½	...	8.1	∞
219	173	Bankers	181½	+½	...	2.7	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	320	-1	...	2.6	...
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	91½	-½	...	5.9	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	90	...	...	1.3	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	36	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	205	-1	...	3.0	...
272	221	Brunner	232	...	...	2.9	...
223	193	Contl Asset	194	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	156	...	...	12.6	...
328	268	Derby Cap	288	+3	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	75	...	...	14.0	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Ind	86	...	...	1.2	...
150	128	Drytn Far East	138	+2½	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	617	-3	...	5.3	...
108	85	Dunedin Japan	87	...	...	...	...
80	39½	Dunedin Wts	39½	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	305	...	...	3.7	...
827	725	Dunedin Wwde	759	+1	...	1.6	...
360	281	Edinburgh	288½	-1	...	3.7	...
354	286	Electra Inv	320	+1	...	2.8	...
220	185	Electric Gen	191	...	...	2.1	...
127	106	English Scot	108	-1	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	293	...	...	2.0	...
174	145	Fidlty Euro Val	152½	...	...	0.2	...
103½	85	Fidlty Jap Val	86	+1	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	279½	Fleming Amer	280	+½	...	0.5	...
145	75	Fleming Chinese	77	+½	...	...	...
92	36	Fleming Wts	37	...	...	...	...
267	196	Fleming Claver	204	...	...	3.4	...
385	302½	Fleming Contl	310	+1	...	0.9	...
264	190	Fleming Entp	203	+1	...	3.0	...
459	327	Fleming F East	356½	+½	1.5	0.5	...
422	350	Fleming Fledg	350	...	...	1.1	...
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	94	+3	...	5.9	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	250	...	...	0.2	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	274	+1	...	3.1	...
347½	280½	Fleming Overs	288	+1	...	1.8	...
155½	129½	Foreign & Col	130½	...	...	1.7	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	125½	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	70½	...	...	1.1	...
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	223	...	...	0.7	...
145	114	Frgn German	115	+1	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	321	+1	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	162	...	...	1.5	...
303	238	GT Japan	240	+1	...	0.7	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	153	...	...	...	...
115½	105	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
191	138	Govett Am Smlr	138	-1	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mks	119½	+1	...	0.3	...
90½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	86	...	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	81	...	...	7.0	...
429	349	Govett Oriental	394	-1	...	0.4	...
346	231	Govett Strategic	231	-1	...	3.7	∞
475	410	Greenfriar	416	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	92	...	...	...	...
99	90	Int Biotech	90	...	...	...	...
50	30	Int Wts	37	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	123	-1	...	5.2	...
119	94	MS UK Smllr	102	...	...	3.4	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	159	...	...	...	...
243	195	Kleinwort Chrt	197½	+½	...	3.3	...
88½	75½	Klnwrt Euro Prvt	77	+½	...	...	...
49	27½	Klnwt Euro Wts	29½	...	...	...	...
272½	226½	Klnwrt O'seas	226½	-½	...	1.9	...
165	130	Klnwt Smlr	130	-1	...	3.0	...
826	672	Law Debenture	720	+2	...	3.4	...
227	190	Majedie	191	...	...	3.3	...
324	237	Merchants	256	+2	...	5.5	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	83	+½	...	...	...
45	28½	Mercury Wts	29½	...	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	109½	...	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	37	...	...	...	...
2987½	2087½	Merrill Lynch	2231½	+46½	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	509	+1	...	1.2	...
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	130	+1	...	4.3	...
64	43	Morg Wts	48	...	...	...	...
111	87	Morg Latn Amer	102	...	...	...	...
65	39	Morg Wts	59½	...	...	...	...
148	100	Murray Ent	113	...	...	2.2	...
58	33	Murray Wts	33	-1	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	59	...	...	0.6	...
27½	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	320	+1	...	4.6	...
395	319	Murray Intl	327½	-½	...	4.8	...
548	424	Murray Small	476	+1	...	1.1	...
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	86	...	...	15.9	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	145	...	...	...	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	2850	...	...	4.7	...
162	153	Murray S/C DP	158½	+1	...	...	...
363	302½	Murray Vent	305	...	...	4.7	∞
95	61	Nthrng Inc	62	...	...	8.7	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	347	+2	...	1.1	...
241	179	O'seas Wts	202	-2	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	518	+2	...	0.3	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	415	...	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700	...	195	2.8	...
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	...	...	1.1	...
127	112½	River & Merc	114	...	...	10.1	...
449	403	Robeco	405	...	...	3.1	...
483	415	Rolinco	419	...	...	1.9	...
343	280	St Andrew Inv	305	...	...	3.2	...
183	150½	Scot American	154½	...	...	3.9	...
368	238	Scot Asian	286	+1	...	...	...
1070	663	Scot Wts	808	...	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	78½	...	...	2.5	...
262½	208	Scottish	212	-½	...	2.9	∞
264½	208	Scottish Mtge	219½	+½	...	2.3	...
133½	104	Scottish Value	104	-½	...	2.3	...
1795	1515	Second Allnce	1526	-4	...	3.4	∞
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	79½	...	...	5.2	...
179	148	Selective Asset	154	...	...	1.2	...
51½	39½	Sphere Inv	39½	...	...	8.9	...
205	149	TR Far East	159	...	...	4.1	...
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	141½	+½	...	4.6	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	114	...	...	0.2	...
43½	32	TR Property	32½	...	...	3.5	...
152	106	TR Tech Inv	106	...	...	2.1	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	183	-2	...	2.6	...
412	310	Temple Bar	330	+1	...	5.2	...
135	102	Thmtn Asian E	105	...	...	0.6	...
101	71½	Throgmorton	72½	-½	...	4.0	...
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	505	...	...	...	...
260	233	USDC Invest	240	...	...	2.3	...
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	110½	...	...	4.8	...
257½	205	Witan	224	+1½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	428	-4	...	2.7	14.8
46½	18	Ald Leis	18	...	...	...	...
177	144	Alpha Airpts	152	+2	...	3.3	...
200	100	BS Group	183	...	...	2.0	...
131	85	Baldwin	113	...	...	3.9	19.4
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	300	...	...	4.2	12.5
365	231	Boosey Hwks	342	...	...	1.9	20.2
205	133	Border TV	184	...	...	2.7	15.4
7½	3	Brent Walker	3½	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	35	Campari	35	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	343	-2	...	2.3	30.2
1047	797	Carlton Comm	842	+7	...	2.9	18.6
247	114	Chrysalis	231	...	3.2	1.8	...
374	305	Compass Gp	316	-2	...	2.7	18.6
290	232	Eurocamp	269	...	9.9	4.6	11.1
213	78	Euro Disney	82	+3	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	435	...	...	3.4	30.3
131	81	First Choice	114	-2	...	3.8	...
350	259	First Leisure	260	-2	...	3.2	17.3
485	309	Flextech	484	+4	...	...	...
1083	675	GWR Gp	893	...	...	1.5	32.3
356	228	Grampian	336	...	...	2.8	18.0
172	106	HTV Group	146	...	...	1.5	32.6
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	42	+2	...	8.3	6.2
18½	11½	Kunick	14	-½	...	...	...
263	200	London Clubs	245	...	...	6.1	12.5
702	539	Man Utd	645	-5	...	4.1	∞
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
67	34	Northern	61	...	...	6.4	9.8
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	95	-1	...	1.4	∞
183	125	Prism Leisure	125	...	...	4.2	8.8
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	260	-3	...	2.2	39.1
628	395	Scott Radio	583	...	...	2.3	22.8
574	355	Scot TV	439	...	...	3.6	29.5
40½	21½	SelecTV	22½	...	...	...	...
380	296½	Stanley Leisure	324	...	...	2.0	18.3
153	125	Sunset & Vine	130	...	...	3.9	∞
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	0.7	15.7
167	75	Tottenham Hot	127	...	...	1.0	34.1
760	518	Ulster TV	708	...	...	2.9	21.8
152	129	VCI	151	...	...	1.7	13.5
149	112	Vardon	125	-2	...	1.2	22.1
396	150	Yorkshire TV	394	...	...	...	...
149	110	Zetters Gp	137	...	...	7.8	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3628½	+9½	...	1.9	34.8
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3468½	...	...	2.6	18.8
7331½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	7287½	+18½	...	3.2	22.0
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	29½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1315½	+3½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	290	...	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	159½	-2½	...	...	...
37	12½	Bracken	19	...	...	4.6	...
898	580½	Buffels	773½	-13½	...	6.9	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
968	745½	CRA	837	-15	...	2.4	27.3
55½	36	Cluff Res	45½	+1½	...	...	...
143	28½	Coal Inv	107	-1	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1537½	...	...	3.4	16.5
148	88	Deelkraal	118½	-5½	...	3.0	10.6
101½	30½	Doornfontein	88½	-1½	...	...	...
1036½	665½	Driefontein	1018½	-9	...	4.1	15.1
941½	549½	Durban	922½	-9½	...	...	...
203½	107	E Rand Gold	174	-7½	...	11.6	5.8
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	88	-7½	...	...	...
513	300½	Elandsrand	509½	+1½	...	3.1	12.0
1239	741½	FS Cons	1083½	-12½	...	5.3	13.6
82	27	FS Dev	82	...	...	1.5	...
1975	1193½	GFSA	1925	-6½	...	1.9	29.1
233½	108½	Gencor	228½	-2½	...	1.2	28.8
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	57	...	...	2.4	22.0
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	-1	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	182	-10½	...	5.1	9.7
680½	319½	Harmony	648	-10½	...	...	...
430	269½	Hartles	343	-10½	...	8.2	10.2
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1468½	+3½	...	1.7	46.1
1315½	890½	Kinross	1162½	+3½	...	4.1	16.4
1094½	568½	Kloof	1076	-½	...	2.9	11.4
137	69½	Leslie	120½	-4½	...	8.7	7.2
368½	176½	Loraine	312½	-20½	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	...
162	118	MIM	129	-1	...	1.8	...
1762½	1606½	Minorco	1637½	-6½	...	2.1	∞
201½	140½	Nth Brkn Hill	170	-1	...	2.9	26.1
905	790	RTZ	847	-8	...	3.1	24.1
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.4	∞
840½	547½	Randfontein	673½	-9½	...	7.3	8.6
295	207	Renison	235	...	...	...	...
1809½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1777½	-15½	...	1.6	∞
756	539½	St Helena	708½	-2	...	6.1	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1984½	-87½	...	4.3	23.4
143	73	Stilfontein	120½	+½	...	17.4	4.1
261½	90	Unisel	222½	+½	...	2.6	17.3
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6553½	-43½	...	3.8	10.9
1213½	508½	Western Areas	1213½	+22½	...	5.8	11.6
3575	2050	Western Deep	3484½	-43½	...	2.9	12.3
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	372	+1	...	1.0	60.2
1225	603½	Winkels	996½	-28½	...	4.7	14.2
66	47	Zambia Copper	47	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	61	...	...	8.1	12.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	233	Abbey Panels	345	+37	...	...	...
156	108	Airflow Stream	154	...	...	3.3	22.9
175	117	Appleyard	120	...	...	6.0	21.2
405	255	Bletchley Mtr	255	...	...	5.1	10.5
306	180	Bostrom	297	+1	...	2.5	16.9
594	390	Br Aerospace	487	+2	...	2.4	41.0
57	36	Burndene	36	...	...	6.9	10.5
465	275	Caffyns	275	-5	...	5.2	18.5
32	12½	Caverdale	12½	...	...	1.5	12.9
130	98	Central Mtr	98	...	...	4.5	24.2
51	37½	Cook (DC)	38	...	...	3.3	∞
348	201	Cowie	212	+7	...	4.8	10.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	140	...	...	5.8	16.1
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	323	...	...	0.8	...
234	202	Eurodollar	206	-4	...	5.2	16.1
173	106	Europeam Mtr	110	...	...	4.8	11.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	406	...	...	4.4	12.8
310	235	FR Group	307	...	...	3.2	15.3
2359½	1687½	Ford Motor	1787½	-37½	...	...	...
4387½	2512½	General Mtr	2531½	+18½	...	1.9	...
90	60	Gowrings	73	-1	...	3.4	22.2
342½	266½	Henlys	272	...	...	3.4	14.6
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1059	-10½	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	151	+2	...	3.3	17.3
573	335	Lex Service	336	-1	...	5.0	12.9
282	162	Lookers	190	...	...	4.5	11.8
239	158	Lucas	192	+1	...	4.6	...
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	1.3	...
310	232	Pendragon	236	...	...	4.0	15.5
238	165	Perry Gp	165	...	...	5.3	9.0
218	141	Quicks Group	141	...	...	4.7	14.8
204	161	Rolls-Royce	171	-½	...	3.7	30.2
261	203	T & N	210	-2	...	6.5	18.3
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	311	...	...	2.6	22.3
221	158	Vardy (Reg)	158	...	...	3.6	14.9

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	280	-1	...	2.8	20.8
345	320	Black (A&C)	335	...	...	5.0	14.2
402	213	Blenheim Gp	253	-1	...	5.2	9.3
413	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1381½	...	...	1.4	32.3
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	1012½	...	...	1.9	23.7
314	260	Dorling Kind	289½	...	...	1.4	∞
641	538	Elsevier	621½	+14½	...	3.1	20.1
469	357	EMAP	357	-3	...	3.0	22.2
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1738	...	...	2.9	30.6
194	32	Harrington K	43	+1	...	2.9	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	395	-15	...	2.8	23.5
408	333	Hodder H'line	333	...	...	2.0	54.2
180	120	Home Counts	175	...	...	3.6	42.9
237	161	Indl Bus Comm	218	...	...	2.0	10.8
15	8	Int Cm & Data	10	+½	...	...	...
340	272½	Independent	285	-2	...	2.7	9.7
669	551	Johnstone Press	620	...	...	1.5	22.8
110	43	MAID	52	...	...	...	78.9
492	338	Metal Bulletin	476	...	...	2.9	24.7
177½	131	Midland Ind	135	...	...	2.6	18.5
203	123	Mirror Gp	144½	+3½	...	0.9	7.6
514½	364	News Corp	375	-1	...	0.4	25.0
314	224	News Intl	247	...	...	0.7	13.1
735	552	Pearson	595	+5	...	2.8	20.5
780	617	Portsmth Sund	617	-2	...	2.2	15.2
964	722	Reed Intl	741	...	...	3.3	22.4
249	187	Southnews	227	...	...	1.6	29.8
200	136	Sterling Pub	138	...	...	3.3	11.8
622	310	Telegraph	336	...	...	4.8	11.9
885	695	Thomson Corp	725	...	30.1	5.2	36.2
472	389	Trinity Intl	389	...	...	3.2	17.9
45	18½	Unit Group	35	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspprs	505	...	...	5.6	12.2

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	39	...	...	...	23.6
53	35	Arcon Intl	43	...	...	...	...
74½	99	Ass Oil & Gas	60½	+½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	51	+1	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	212	...	...	4.2	10.0
358	253	British Gas	280½	-3½	...	6.5	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	413½	+2½	...	2.8	22.7
4	1½	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castl	838	+3	...	4.1	16.2
84	56	Cairn Energy	80	+3	...	...	44.1
375	258	Calor Gp	286	-1	...	3.6	13.5
51	33	Clyde Pet	40	...	...	1.1	...
30	12½	Coplex Res	12½	-½	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22	...	...	...	23.7
480	370	Enterprise	375	+3	...	5.3	...
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	66	...	...	2.7	21.9
47	31	Gt Western Res	43½	...	...	...	...
177	132	Hardy O & G	142	...	...	0.9	18.8
55	40	Kelt Energy	50	...	...	3.3	...
169	110½	Lasmo	148½	+½	...	0.8	...
73	52	Lasmo Units	52	-½	7.8	18.8	...
75	55	Monument	69	-½	...	...	73.7
7½	3½	New London	4	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	44	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Petroz	40½	+½	...	...	...
168	148	Pict Pet	148	...	...	...	∞
111	85	Pittencrieff Rs	85	-4	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	27	+½	...	...	14.7
158	113	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
282	129	Ramco Eny	226	...	...	0.3	...
463	325	Ranger	365	...	...	5.4	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Pl	6862½	+60½	...	4.6	17.9
4064½	3327½	Schlumberger	3337½	+15½	...	2.2	...
67	50	Seafield	60	...	...	...	...
758	651	Shell	700	+6	...	4.5	21.2
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	128	...	...	...	...
237	178½	Woodside	227	-1	...	1.6	...
110	28	XCL	70	+1	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	138	AG Holdings	139	...	...	4.7	12.6
444	355	API	355	...	...	3.0	22.3
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	256	+7	...	3.2	38.6
366	270	Abbott Mead	346	+1	...	2.1	31.3
33	17½	Aegis Gp	25½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comms	165	...	...	3.8	18.8
26	15	BBB Design	15	...	...	...	7.7
472	371	Bemrose	371	-1	...	4.2	13.3
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½	...	...	...	...
186	130	Bunzl	161	+1	...	3.2	18.9
169	117½	CIA Gp	135	...	...	1.6	21.8
198	129	Capital Inds	167	...	...	3.4	13.1
99	76	City of Lon	83	...	...	6.6	12.7
439	297	Cropper (James)	297	-3	...	1.5	14.9
114	78	Delyn Group	83	-1	...	2.5	15.1
137	103	Dolphin Pack	104	...	...	5.4	13.4
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	66	...	...	6.2	14.6
17½	12	Elswick	16½	...	...	2.5	17.9
101	75	Fairway Group	84	...	...	5.1	15.7
430	302	Ferguson Intl	342	+3	...	4.7	14.4
145	122	Ferry Pick	123	...	...	5.8	...
227	188	Filofax	202	+1	...	1.1	20.0
17½	8	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139	...	...	4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	175	...	...	3.8	21.1
34	23	Goodhead	25	...	...	0.2	...
30	3	Hunterprint	3½	...	...	...	...
162	124	Intereurope	125	-1	...	7.8	∞
282	248	Jarvis Porter	282	...	...	2.3	20.5
33½	20½	Lopex	21	...	...	1.5	23.7
431	344	More O'Ferrall	351	...	...	4.7	20.5
425	230	Osborne & Little	407	+5	...	2.0	14.8
60	31	Osprey Comms	31	...	...	0.4	...
820	513	Portals	712	-1	...	2.9	19.2
3	1½	Premier Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
330	253	Quarto	253	...	...	3.0	13.8
412	314	St Ives Gp	316	...	...	2.5	∞
178	127	Saatchi	156	+1	...	...	30.4
1111	464½	Sappi	1042½	-17½	...	0.5	...
30½	14½	Serif	15	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Shandwick	47	...	...	1.1	7.1
573	398	Smith David	518	-2	...	2.6	23.1
430½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	358	-2	...	1.5	50.9
119	82	Somic	82	...	...	3.8	8.8
234	183	Sun-Plus	183	...	...	6.2	17.4
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	37	...	...	2.1	22.2
161	115	VTR	128	...	...	3.9	20.3
36½	23½	WMGO	27½	-½	...	2.7	11.5
129	63½	WPP	105	+3	...	1.2	15.0
270	182	Wace	225	+1	...	2.2	14.4
291	209	Waddington (J)	223	...	...	4.8	10.9
511	365	Watmough	386	...	...	2.2	34.4
45	29	Whitney Mck	38	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	94	Allied Lon	95	-1	...	5.3	11.8
48	36	Arcadian	40	...	...	...	...
276	253	Argent	263	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	2½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	117	...	...	2.4	20.8
191	113	Avonside	118	...	...	4.7	13.9
382½	238	Bilton	245	...	...	4.9	17.8
108	72	Bourne End	83	...	...	1.1	...
276	185	Bradford	185	...	...	4.7	12.8
474	360	Br Land	383	-1	...	2.5	33.6
137	116	Brightstone	116	...	...	4.0	26.3
276	177	Brixton	184	-1	...	5.5	16.4
118	86½	Burford	90	...	...	2.2	28.2
112	98	CLS Hldgs	99	...	...	6.2	...
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	137½	+½	...	1.5	31.1
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	207	...	...	3.9	49.8
325	223	Cardiff Prop	223	...	...	1.4	49.9
185	152	Chelsfield	160	...	...	1.9	54.3
678	489	Chesterfield	489	-5	...	3.2	21.7
112	94	Chesterton Int	94	...	...	4.4	13.2
84	36	City Site Ests	63	...	...	...	...
12½	6½	Clarke Nicholls	7	...	...	1.8	14.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½	...	...	6.3	∞
56	30	Conrad Rhist GS	34	...	...	1.8	29.7
1755	1328	Daejan	1330	...	...	2.7	15.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	8½	...	...	...	...
156	98½	Debenham Twsn	98½	...	...	4.4	16.0
17	4	De Morgan	4	-1	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	164	...	...	2.5	46.1
347½	245	Derwent Hldgs	245	-3	...	2.4	21.7
41	21	Development Sec	23	...	...	0.5	...
51	45	Dwyer	46	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	325	...	...	4.0	39.3
47	18	Estates Gen	23½	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	111	...	...	2.8	19.4
43½	24	Ex-Lands	27½	...	...	1.9	...
80	65	Fiscal Prop	65	...	...	1.2	...
37	23½	Five Oaks	23½	...	...	1.1	...
78	45	Fletcher King	45	...	...	4.2	22.3
536	407	Frogmore	432	...	...	4.9	15.6
325	228	Grainger	253	...	...	3.0	∞
260	174	Gt Portland	178	-1	...	5.6	33.9
226½	118	Greycoat	121	...	...	...	...
259	144½	HK Land	147½	+2	...	4.2	∞
94	39	Hambro Cntyw	45	...	...	0.7	45.7
435	311	Hammerson	357	+1	...	3.7	33.8
390	298	Helical Bar	344	-2	...	2.2	12.4
40½	29½	Heralngway	30	...	...	1.7	51.5
78	24	Herring Baker	26	...	...	4.8	...
311½	136½	Jermyn	140	...	...	...	70.1
702	588	Land Sec	601½	+2½	...	5.0	17.1
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	97	...	...	5.4	14.3
16	8	Lon & Metro	8	...	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	428	-1	...	5.8	24.6
13½	6	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	181	...	...	3.6	17.9
85	59	Merivale Mre	68	...	...	3.7	10.4
55	27	Moorfield Est	34	...	...	3.7	...
1425	1159½	Mountview	1159½	...	...	2.4	11.5
196	144	Mucklow (A&J)	149	...	...	5.4	19.4
50	20	OEM	21	...	...	...	...
64	34	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
2½	0½	ORB	0½	...	...	...	...
191	145	PSIT	145	-1	...	4.0	20.5
399	241	Peel	242	...	...	2.3	∞
162	142	Pillar Prop	145	+2½	...	3.2	...
12½	3	Power Corp	3	...	...	...	...
9½	4½	Premier Land	5½	...	...	...	...
53	27	Raglan	33	...	...	...	12.1
40	24	Regalian	24	...	...	...	9.1
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	106	Rugby Est	107	...	...	2.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Saville Grdn (I)	67	...	...	5.0	19.5
100	62	Savills	62	-1	...	4.5	10.0
108	78	Scot Met	78	-1	...	3.3	8.9
135	98	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
307	219	Slough Estates	223	+1	...	4.5	47.7
103	56	Southend Prop	60	...	...	5.0	...
133	106	Specky Shops	107	...	...	2.8	...
50	10	Stanhope Prps	12	...	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	35½	...	...	...	1.9
244	167	Tops Ests	168	...	...	1.6	40.0
163	116	Town Centre	122	...	...	4.0	∞
107	87	Trafford Park	87	-1	...	4.5	∞
58	28	UK Land	47	...	...	...	...
317	220	Warner	224	...	...	6.2	21.5
260	218	Warnford	225	...	...	4.4	18.4
7½	1½	Waterglade	2	...	...	...	...
103½	63	Wates	68	...	...	...	...
105	66	Wood John D	71	...	...	3.5	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
173	163	Chamb Phipps	173	+2	...	5.3	22.7
202½	132	Lambert	134	...	...	6.4	12.7
75	53	Pittards	68	...	...	3.3	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	20	-1	...	6.2	13.7
181½	151½	Stylo	165	...	...	2.0	11.1
69	47	UK Safety	47	...	...	6.9	11.5

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	505	-4	...	3.2	15.5
71	40	Beckman (A)	40	...	...	11.2	∞
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	17	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	190	...	...	5.3	20.5
385	292	Claremont Ga	317	+1	...	3.0	17.6
593	451	Courtauld Text	471	-16	...	3.8	21.2
159½	119	Dawson	138	-1	...	2.7	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
80	72	Faupel	75	...	...	8.2	12.7
29	18	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	145	...	...	3.7	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	27½	-½	...	9.1	11.3
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	231	...	...	2.5	16.4
73	55	Jerome (S)	60	...	...	1.7	7.6
485	333	Lamont	356	...	...	4.4	11.8
340	265	Leeds	279	...	...	2.7	14.2
101	68	Lyles (S)	83	...	...	5.4	8.4
266	171	Parkland	171	...	...	3.7	10.2
112	77	Readicut	80	-½	...	5.4	13.7
70	46	SEET	47	...	...	...	...
146	98	Sirdar	98	...	...	6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	60	...	...	4.0	16.6
46	33	Stoddard	34	...	...	5.9	12.8
330	214	Tomkinsons	214	...	...	6.7	20.2
289	239	Yorklyde	270	...	...	2.9	13.0

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	417	-5	...	6.2	10.9
469	337	Rothmans	398	-5	...	4.1	21.2

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	271	...	...	2.3	21.6
541½	440	BAA	492	-5	...	2.3	21.0
128	101½	Badgerline	119	...	...	4.3	...
496½	344	Br Airways	364	-4	...	3.8	11.4
108	75	Clarkson (H)	93	+2	...	2.4	23.4
592½	195	Eurotunnel Uts	218	+2	...	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	126½	Iold Steam	132	+2	...	4.2	10.1
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	57	...	...	3.6	...
111	87	Lon O'Seas Frts	87	...	...	5.3	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	390	...	...	3.0	18.9
347	245	Natl Express	307	-1	...	3.1	17.7
291	157	NFC	182	-1	...	4.8	28.0
348	246	Ocean Group	261	+3	...	6.9	13.2
91	58	Ocean Wilson	68	...	...	6.0	8.6
743	587	P & O Dfd	602	+8	...	6.3	18.6
202	153	P & O 5.5%	201	-1	...	3.4	...
705	538	Powell Duffryn	538	...	...	5.5	15.3
102	84	Seacon	96	...	...	3.0	21.8
218	158	Stagecoach	218	...	...	2.4	21.7
131	85½	TNT	107	-2	...	...	...
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	715	-1	...	2.6	18.3
79	27	Tiphook	35	...	...	...	...
327	197	TDG	210	+1	...	5.7	14.1
136	98	Ugland	134	...	...	0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	103	...	...	1.9	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	524	-4	...	5.4	13.6
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	325	...	...	4.4	11.0
751	508	Northumbrian	628	...	...	4.5	7.3
611	454	North West	542	...	...	5.3	8.1
645	457	Severn Trent	542½	+½	...	5.2	7.6
682	466	Southern	548	+2	...	4.9	8.5
1740	1525	South Staffs	1728	...	...	3.8	11.5
675	494	South West	522½	-1½	...	6.1	7.7
611	434½	Thames	514	-2	...	5.5	8.9
744	546	Welsh	621	-6	...	5.1	6.8
959½	551	Wessex	600	-4	...	4.8	8.1
630	458	Yorkshire	526	+1	...	5.4	7.7

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; § Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	100[illegible]	...	8.97	...
107[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.83	5.83
98[illegible]	97[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	98[illegible]	...	3.04	5.74
107[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.99	6.66
113[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.06	7.03
117[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.99	7.29
121[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.75	7.55
117[illegible]	108[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.25	7.62
112[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.65	8.09
121[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.04	8.18
114[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.02	8.20
110[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.68	8.43
131[illegible]	116[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.84	8.55
114[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	-[illegible]	9.47	8.66
106[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	-[illegible]	7.55	8.64
102	93[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.15	8.64
131[illegible]	115[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	115[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.12	8.85
140[illegible]	122[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	122[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.70	8.73
125[illegible]	110[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.85	8.84
110[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.29	8.82

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	89[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.72	8.81
128[illegible]	111[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	-[illegible]	10.94	8.90
121[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	106	-[illegible]	9.91	8.88
121[illegible]	104[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.73	8.92
116[illegible]	99[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.96	8.87
136[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	117[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.10	9.07
106[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	89[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.78	8.96
122[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.57	9.04
123[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.40	9.08
113[illegible]	92[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	94[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.51	9.02
127[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.47	9.08
129[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.38	9.32
80[illegible]	69[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	71[illegible]	-[illegible]	4.88	7.77
105[illegible]	84[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	85[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.87	8.93
125[illegible]	101[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.21	9.03
125[illegible]	102[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.19	9.00
143[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	119[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.47	9.32
111[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	93[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.58	8.95
112[illegible]	90[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	91[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.45	8.90
136[illegible]	112[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.33	9.32
119[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	97[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.75	8.89
151[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	125[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.72	9.31
124[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.90	8.86

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	93[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.59	8.85
126[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.86	8.82
127[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.84	8.80
93[illegible]	71[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	72[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.59	8.55
114[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	90[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.54	8.73
117[illegible]	92	Treas 8% 2013	93[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.58	8.75
159[illegible]	126[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	127[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.41	8.96
128[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.72	8.72

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54[illegible]	39[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	40[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.69	...
37[illegible]	27[illegible]	Treas 2½%	28[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.90	

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203[illegible]	197[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	199[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.77	4.18
113[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.84	3.68
176[illegible]	163[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.44	3.87
173[illegible]	159[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.54	3.89
118[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.59	3.92
184[illegible]	165[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	167[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.63	3.89
168[illegible]	149[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.68	3.90
175[illegible]	154[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.70	3.90
146[illegible]	126[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.72	3.91
157[illegible]	134[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	136[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.75	3.92
152[illegible]	128[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.78	3.93
129[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.77	3.91
128[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	3.81	3.96

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Disqualification after winding-up

In re The Working Project Ltd
In re Fosterdown Ltd
In re Davies Flooring (Southern) Ltd

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment October 21]

If disqualification proceedings against directors had been commenced in the county court, that court continued to have jurisdiction to make the disqualification order after the company had been wound up and so ceased to be a company "being wound up" within section 6(3) of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, strictly construed.

A company did not cease to be "a company which is being wound up" after the registration of the liquidator's return but only after the final dissolution of the company.

Mr Justice Carnwath so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on three summonses listed together brought by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in relation to disqualification orders sought against directors or former directors of three companies. The Working Project Ltd, Fosterdown Ltd and Davies Flooring (Southern) Ltd.

The summonses sought directions on questions relating to the duration of the county court's jurisdiction under the 1986 Act where the company in question had gone into compulsory or voluntary liquidation.

Section 6 of the 1986 Act provides: "(3) In this section and the next 'the court' means (a) in the case of a person who is or has been a director of a company which is being wound up by the court, the court by which the company is being wound up, (b) in the case of a person who is or has been the director of a company which is being wound up voluntarily, any court having jurisdiction to wind up the company, . . . (d) in any other case the High Court. . ."

Mr William Charles and Mr Philip Jones for the secretary of state and the Official Receiver; Mr Terence Etherton, QC and Mr Thomas Seymour for the directors against whom disqualification proceedings were continuing; Mr Robin Hollington for the disqualified director in Davies Flooring.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that The Working Project and Fosterdown had gone into voluntary liquidation and the secretary of state had commenced disqualification proceedings in the county court against various directors which were continuing.

Davies Flooring went into compulsory liquidation and the Official Receiver commenced disqualification proceedings in the county court against various directors. Some proceedings were continuing and in one case a disqualification order had already been made against one of the directors, Mr Hollington's client.

Two main issues arose:

1 If proceedings under section 6 of the 1986 Act had been validly commenced in a county court in relation to a company which "is being wound up" by that court, or which, in the case of a voluntary liquidation, that court had jurisdiction to wind up, did that court lose jurisdiction to continue the case when the winding-up was concluded?

2 If so, at what point was the winding-up to be regarded as concluded for that purpose?

Only Mr Hollington said the answer to the first point was yes. The costs in his client's proceedings had already been incurred.

If he was correct on that point, the order already made against his client would have been made without jurisdiction and, because the period of the disqualification was substantially complete, the secretary of state would not seek to initiate new proceedings.

His Lordship rejected Mr Hollington's interpretation. It would be patently absurd if disqualification proceedings, validly commenced in the county court, were at risk of being aborted at any time, even in the middle of the hearing, or after judgment had been reserved, simply because the liquidator had completed his work.

No one had suggested any sensible legislative purpose for such a rule. There was no reason why the continuing jurisdiction of the county court in the disqualification proceedings should depend on the speed with which the liquidator was able to progress the winding-up. The disadvantages of such a rule, in terms of cost, uncertainty and delay, were obvious.

The only substantial argument in favour of that approach was that it accorded with a literal reading of section 6.

Under section 6(1) it was "the court" which had to make the disqualification order. On a strict reading of section 6(3)(a) and (b), the county court remained "the court" as defined only so long as the company "is being wound up".

Accordingly, it was said, once the winding-up had been completed, the county court ceased to have jurisdiction to make the disqualification order, whatever stage the proceedings had then reached.

It was, however, permissible to modify a literal reading where it produced absurdity and a reasonable alternative was available: see *Cross, Statutory Interpretation (7th edition (1990) p47). This was* such a case.

Where, as here, a section defined a particular court for the purposes of proceedings under that section, the correct inference, in his Lordship's view, would normally be that the definition was directed to the commencement of proceedings.

In the absence of express provision, Parliament could be assumed to have intended proceedings properly commenced in a particular tribunal to be carried to a conclusion in that tribunal. In section 6(3), therefore, the words "for the purpose of the commencement of proceedings" should be regarded as implicit.

On that view, provided the respective county courts had jurisdiction at the time of the commencement of proceedings, they had been, and were, empowered to carry them to conclusion. It followed that the order made against Mr Hollington's client was validly made.

The other main question only arose in the case of Fosterdown, where the disqualification proceedings were commenced after the registration of the liquidator's final return but before dissolution. At which point was the winding-up complete, or, more precisely, at which point did the company cease to be a company "being wound up"?

It seemed to his Lordship that the winding-up was complete when the company was finally dissolved and not before. The expression "winding up" naturally referred to the whole statutory process designed to secure the completion of the company's affairs, the distribution of its assets, and its final quietus. That process did not end until dissolution.

His Lordship accordingly held that, in Fosterdown, as well as in the other cases, the disqualification proceedings were properly commenced and continued in the county court. In those circumstances, it was unnecessary to consider the other main issue which had been argued, namely whether a transfer to the High Court could or should be ordered.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Godsiffe & Lawson, Trowbridge and Myerson Callaghan & Law, Leicester and Howes Percival, Northampton; Hewitson Becke & Shaw, Northampton.

Enduring obligation of agents

Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Co of Europe Ltd v Orion Marine Insurance Underwriting Agency Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Colman

[Judgment September 23]

Where underwriting agency agreements had been terminated as the result of alleged repudiatory breach of contract, the obligation of the underwriting agents to allow the principal for whom they were acting to inspect and make extracts or copies of entries in all books, accounts, records and other usual documentation, relating to underwriting conducted thereunder on the principal's behalf, continued to exist and to be enforceable despite the termination of the agency contracts.

The fiduciary relationship between principal and agent was independent of contract, and the obligation to provide full disclosure of all transactions, and the current state of premium, outstanding claims and reinsurance protection in relation to each, arose by reason of the fact that the agent had been entrusted with the authority to bind the principal to transactions with third parties.

The termination of the agent's authority to enter into further transactions had no bearing on the continuance of the duty to provide pre-existing records pertaining to the period when transactions were authorised.

Mr Justice Colman so held in the Chancery Division in proceedings by the plaintiff, Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Co of Europe Ltd, against Orion Marine Insurance Underwriting Agency Ltd and Orion Insurance Co plc.

Mr Julian Flaux, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Christopher Symons, QC and Mr Mark Humphries, solicitor, for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN said that the plaintiff company sought declarations: (i) that it was entitled to inspect certain documentary records, computer databases and computer records under the terms of various underwriting agency agreements, under which the two defendant companies had acted as underwriting agents for the plaintiff, and (ii) that the defendants were and had since May 1993 been in breach of those agreements, by their refusal to permit the plaintiff to inspect and take copies of those documents, information and records, and an order that the defendants should allow access to such documents etc, within 14 days.

The agreements, which had been entered into, variously, in 1978, 1989, and 1982, had been terminated so far as related to further underwriting as at December 31, 1991, but the defendants continued to manage run-off arrangements until the agreements were finally terminated as at April 26, 1994 on the ground of alleged repudiatory breaches of contract, each side alleging that the other was in repudiatory breach.

The issue of breach was exclusively a matter for arbitration proceedings in another court.

Each of the agreements had made express provision for the inspection of records, it being provided that the defendants were to maintain "all necessary books accounts records and other usual documentation", such material being the property of the defendants, but the duly authorised representatives of the plaintiff, including its accountants, were to be entitled to "inspect the same at any reasonable time following a written request", and to make extracts or copies thereof.

By a letter dated May 4, 1993, Mr Ward, a consultant and representative acting on behalf of the plaintiff, asked for access to various data kept by the defendants but the defendants declined to allow it.

The defendants contended that the agreements having been terminated for repudiatory breach they were no longer under any obligation to perform any part of them and in particular to allow inspection of records.

For the plaintiff it was contended that there was a general duty to provide information, analogous to the duty to account, arising from the relationship of principal and agent, quite apart from any contractual obligation.

His Lordship said that the obligation to provide an accurate account in the fullest sense arose by reason of the fact that the agent had been entrusted with authority to bind the principal to transactions with third parties and the principal was entitled to know what his personal contractual rights and duties were in relation to those third parties as well as what he was entitled to receive by way of payment from the agent. Although in modern commercial transactions agencies were almost invariably founded upon a contract between principal and agent there was no necessity for such a contract to exist.

In his Lordship's judgment, the plaintiff's entitlement to inspect, extract from or copy documents did not terminate when the agreements were terminated for repudiatory breach, first because the entitlement to access was a legal consequence of the agency relationship which co-existed with the contractual right, and second because there were strong reasons for imputing to the parties an intention that if one party elected to treat the other party's repudiation as terminating the agreement the inspection facility would not be terminated by that election.

After considering the authorities his Lordship concluded that there was nothing in general principle which precluded the parties from creating a discharge-proof provision of that kind, allowing for such an inspection facility, and accordingly the plaintiff was entitled to the declarations sought.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Linklaters & Paines.

Costs warning on late Crown Office papers

Practice Direction: (Crown Office List: Time estimates, skeleton arguments and paginated bundles)

Failure to observe time limits for lodging skeleton arguments and paginated bundles in the Crown Office might result in hearings being adjourned with consequent penalties in costs.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court with Mr Justice Scott Baker and Mr Justice Longmore so stated on October 25 when issuing a *Practice Direction*, effective immediately, concerning, *inter alia, skeleton arguments and* paginated bundles for the court.

Applications for leave to apply for judicial review and for leave to appeal under s 289 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Where the documents in support of an application for leave exceeded 10 pages, they had to be paginated and indexed in a convenient bundle. In addition, a list had to be provided of the pages essential for reading by the court. Where only part of a page needed to be read, that part should be indicated, by side-lining or in some other way, but not by highlighting.

Substantive hearing

As a case reached the top of Part B of the Crown Office List the applicant/appellant's solicitors would be informed by letter that the case was likely to be listed, at short notice, with effect from a date specified in the letter (the "warned date"). It was the responsibility of the applicant/appellant's solicitors to inform the respondent and all interested parties of the likelihood of the case being listed at short notice.

In cases where a fixed date was given, it was the responsibility of the applicant/appellant's solicitors to inform the respondent and all interested parties of the fixed date. The applicant/appellant's solicitors were also responsible for providing a paginated, indexed, bundle for the use of the court. The bundle had to be lodged with the Crown Office at least five clear working days before the fixed date.

Advocates were required to lodge skeleton arguments in the Crown Office. Advocates for the applicant had to lodge, and serve their skeleton arguments at least five clear working days before the warned date or the fixed date as appropriate.

Advocates for the respondent or other party wishing to be heard had to lodge, and serve their skeleton arguments at least three clear working days before the warned date or the fixed date as appropriate. The skeleton argument had to quote the Crown Office reference number and the warned date or fixed date as appropriate and contain:

(a) the time estimate for the complete hearing, including delivery of judgment, whether or not an estimate had been given earlier;

(b) a list of issues;

(c) a list of propositions of law to be advanced, together with the authorities relied upon in support, with page references to passages relied upon;

(d) a chronology of events, with reference to the paginated bundle prepared for the court;

(e) a list of the essential documents for advance reading by the court, with page references to passages relied upon;

(f) a list of *dramatis personae* where the number of people who featured in the documents warranted it.

The above time limits were be strictly observed. Failure to do so might result in adjournment and might be penalised in costs. Advocates might, however, supplement their skeleton arguments up to one working day before the hearing.

Where a case was due to be listed for hearing before a Divisional Court, two copies of the skeleton argument and paginated bundle were required; where the case was due to be listed for hearing before a single judge only one copy of each was required.

Amendment of grounds and further affidavits

Any notice of intention to seek leave to amend the grounds of relief or to rely upon further affidavits had to be given to the other party/ies and the Crown Office, no later than five clear days before the warned date or the fixed date, as appropriate.

If notice was not given at that time, the court would be reluctant to exercise its powers to allow amendment or the use of further affidavits, save in exceptional circumstances.

Unenforceable entitlement

In re Rae (a Bankrupt)

Before Mr Justice Warner

[Judgment July 15]

Although the effect of a bankruptcy order was to invalidate licences granted to the bankrupt under section 4 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 in respect of fishing vessels owned by him, the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food recognised an "entitlement" in the bankrupt, which was of value but not legally enforceable, or in any person in whose favour he might waive it, to be considered for the grant of fresh licences.

Mr Justice Warner, in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division, on an appeal by the bankrupt, Mr Quentin Scott Rae, against an order made by District Judge Meredith in favour of his trustee in bankruptcy, ordered as follows:

(i) dismissing certain paragraphs of the district judge's order as inapposite; (ii) making a declaration, which would not bind the minister, that any entitlement of the bankrupt to be considered by the minister for the grant of new fishing licences consequent upon the invalidation of the licences issued to the bankrupt in respect of four vessels now vested in the trustee in bankruptcy and any power to waive or surrender such entitlement were property within the meaning of the Insolvency Act 1986 and were accordingly vested in the trustee in bankruptcy;

(iii) making an order under section 363(2) of the 1986 Act directing the bankrupt to do at the request of the trustee all such things as might be necessary or expedient to procure that the benefit of such entitlement should enure to the trustee or to such person or persons as he might nominate and in particular, without prejudice to the generality of that direction, to sign at the request of the trustee the previous owner's declaration in any form of application for such a licence.

Mr Robert Browne for the bankrupt; Mr Stephen Davies for the trustee in bankruptcy.

MR JUSTICE WARNER held that since such a recognised entitlement constituted a present interest incidental to the fishing vessels it fell within the definition of property within the meaning of the words in section 436 of the 1986 Act "and every description of interest, whether present or future or vested or contingent, arising out of, or incidental to property" namely his vessels.

Further, since the words "every description of interest" were fairly capable of bearing more than one meaning it was right to adopt the meaning that gave effect to rather than frustrate the statutory purpose. Accordingly the entitlement should enure for the benefit of the bankrupt's creditors.

Solicitors: Gill Akaster, Plymouth; Bond Pearce, Plymouth.

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Closing the equality gaps

BY ALEC REED

What do the National Health Service and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, the key body for accountants in industry, have in common? Apart from the fact that both organisations signed up early for Opportunity 2000, an initiative to bring more women into top management, both can lay claim to the skills of Joanne Atherton, the assistant director of finance and information at Lancashire Ambulance Service.

On October 25, Mrs Atherton became Cima's 4,000th female member. At 27, she is typical of the career women for whom Opportunity 2000 campaigns: successful, combining a career with marriage and children, and looking ahead to the next challenge.

When Mrs Atherton began her training with Chorley and South Ribble Health Authority in 1987, commercialism in the NHS was in its infancy. She decided to study for the Cima qualification. "I picked it because I could use it both within the health service and outside it," she explained.

With hindsight, her management accounting exam training has proved invaluable. Corporation tax is about the only topic I studied that I haven't had to deal with yet," she said.

After a series of promotions, Mrs Atherton moved in April 1993 to the ambulance service, a year before it was due to become a trust. She was charged with setting up the entire finance function complete with computer systems, treasury management and contracts for the different services provided by the ambulance service.

She sees further challenges ahead. "The service has gone through a huge cultural change in the last 18 months, but there is still a lot to do," she says. "We have to look at everything we do and justify it all."

She is aware of the danger of becoming stalled at her present level of responsibility. Having reached her current post only six years after joining the NHS, she has the next door in sight — that of finance director.

Isabel Boyer, author of Cima's latest research report on the accountancy profession, found that women were still failing to match men in winning top jobs, despite their increasing numbers at lower levels. Ms Boyer concludes that barriers in the way of women entering the profession appear to have been overcome, but male accountants are three times as likely as women to become directors and twice as likely to become partners.

In the pay stakes, women have still not found parity and continue to earn less on average than men. But Ms Boyer concludes that this is not due to unequal pay for equal jobs, but rather unequal access to senior jobs.



Joanne Atherton is Cima's 4,000th woman member

She gives warning that the skills of women members of the profession are in danger of being wasted; after a career break, women may find themselves marginalised, some may be forced to switch employers and others may leave the profession altogether. "This is bad for them as members, bad for their employers and bad for the profession," Ms Boyer observes.

Her advice to the accountancy bodies is that they should use their influence to promote awareness of issues that concern women accountants and facilitate a spread of "best practices" on employment policies. Sadly, women themselves appear to be failing to take the fight to centres of power and influence. Ms Boyer says the reason women accountants are not represented in proportion to their numbers on the ruling councils or committees of the accountancy bodies is that they do not stand, not that they are not elected.

Almost 12 per cent of Cima's members and 34 per cent of its registered students are female, and Cima has become increasingly aware of the importance of the issues facing women.

As an Opportunity 2000 member, Cima has embarked on a series of projects to boost women in the workforce. These include running open nights to provide a communication network for women, co-sponsoring a report on flexible working for managers and profiling members and students in its in-house journal to highlight career prospects for women in management accounting.

As Cima approaches the end of its 75th anniversary year, it should take pleasure in the achievements of women such as Mrs Atherton. The equality gaps still remaining should not be allowed to obscure the progress so far.

In the words of Marie Curie: "One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done."

The author is Chairman of Reed Executive and of Cima's public relations committee.

MP's paid-for points served public well

I USED to pay Tim Smith to ask questions in the Commons. Or rather the weekly newspaper I edited did. Very good questions they were, too, full of the spirit of public interest and intended to throw light on the huge area of tax and financial legislation that the public and, sadly, most MPs know little about.

Smith has rightly resigned as a minister for not having declared an interest when asking questions about Lonrho. But it would be unfortunate if the affair damaged the relationship between MPs and people lobbying for reform.

Tim Smith wrote a column for *Accountancy Age* from 1982 throughout the rest of my time as editor and until he became a minister this year. Payment for that column included consultancy and it was through that arrangement that questions would occasionally be formulated. The column had two purposes. Smith had been secretary of the English ICA's parliamentary committee before he became an MP. He was a chartered accountant. So, the first aim of the column was to draw the attention of members of the profession to upcoming legislation and to trends in finance and taxation.


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The second purpose was the more important. The Commons each year debates a Finance Bill of enormous complexity. Yet the number of MPs who understand even small sections of it is frighteningly small. The number of chartered accountant MPs has hovered around 20 across the last three elections. It was a vital part of *Accountancy Age*'s work as a reforming paper to increase public understanding of what was going on and to back change.

This, the paper did through discussion with accountant MPs and other interested parties, in particular Robert Sheldon, chairing the Public Accounts Committee. The bulk of the paper's efforts were, however, through Tim Smith as columnist, chronicling events. He played a particularly valuable role during the long sittings when a Finance Bill went into committee stage, scribbling out his column during the filibustering that often took the place of informed debate, or arguing for a specific reform. There were times when tax reform beat party rivalries and he would engineer the success of an opposition proposal.

It was hard work and, no pun intended, unrewarding. In March 1990, disquiet at the complexity of the tax system had reached such a pitch that an alliance of Smith's constituents, senior figures in the profession and *Accountancy Age* convinced him that an adjournment debate would let the message be communicated to the Treasury.

Smith's column the next week reported: "I drew the attention of the House — that is to say, all three MPs who were present — to the volume and complexity of our tax legislation". It was a measure of the uphill nature of any crusade for greater understanding of the nation's finances within the Commons.

Smith proposed an inquiry. "It should be invited," he said, "to focus on the volume and complexity of tax legislation and assess the cost to the Inland Revenue and compliance costs to taxpayers. It should examine the growth of tax advice as a source of business for accountants and solicitors and estimate the cost to the nation of that waste of talented resources.

"It should take into account the cost to the taxpayer of the constant poaching of Revenue staff and should look at all the options for simplifying tax legislation ... The Revenue, taxpayers and their advisers should be represented on such an inquiry and it should have an independent chairman."

This sort of proposal is just what should happen when an MP has specialist knowledge that constituents and a profession can tap into and through which they can seek reform.

It can, of course, get carried away. Opposition MPs would label Smith "the Member for Price Waterhouse" when he let loose a torrent of questions on government consultancy contracts. But those questions, which probably resulted in PW expanding its public sector consultancy work, opened the eyes of many MPs to the extent of taxpayers' money going to outside consultancy work.

Smith is an honest, spontaneous, instinctive man, as his immediate resignation last week showed. Using the word in its most cynical sense, he is not a good "politician". He tends to say what he thinks, regardless. Once, when on the English ICA council he suddenly asked the president, during another member's ramblings: "Could you not bring this tedious nonsense to a close?"

Any new rules on MPs and the way that matters of concern can be brought to public notice should seek to enhance positive aspects of the system as well as curbing transgressions.

Eric Clapton's second string

THE new biography of rock guitarist Eric Clapton, Edge of Darkness by Christopher Sandford, contains results of a trawl through the accounts of Marshbrook, set up to run Clapton's affairs. "By March 1974, Clapton's financial state was parlous," Sandford says. "A review of Marshbrook's books also confirmed the need for revenue. In the end, the most persuasive voice in Clapton's ear may have been his accountants." So what did the genius of plectrum and riff do? "In September 1974, Clapton became company secretary." It seems to have worked. In 1990, alone he earned just over £5 million.

Hard to follow?

RON Paterson, of Ernst & Young, revels in his role as arch-critic of Sir David Tweedie and the Accounting Standards Board. But now he may have gone too far. In the latest edition of *UK GAAP*, he suggests that "it is by no means certain" that the ASB's intentions on off-balance sheet finance "will be clearly understood by the accounting profession". Presumably lawyers will be on hand to pick up the fees instead.

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BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
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Brit & Oseas	268.70	282.90	...	1.31
Capital Gwth	105.70	111.30	...	2.40
Wwide Opps	178.30	187.70	...	0.42
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	323.70	337.20	-2.10	2.96
European Bd Inc	87.71	90.79	-0.19	7.90
Exempt	68.84	73.42	-0.39	4.51
Financial	69.04	73.84	-0.02	2.97
500.0	428.20	458.00	-0.30	2.45
General	257.60	275.50	+1.30	2.77
Property	246.80	264.00	...	6.11
Trustee	171.90	183.80	+0.80	2.65
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.20	..	4.75
Extra Income	109.70	117.40	-0.50	4.29
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.19	57.04	-0.30	9.05
Income	497.30	531.90	+2.50	4.22
Income Builder	59.98	63.81	+0.11	4.96
Intl Income	60.89	64.78	-0.06	3.68
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	110.10	117.50	-0.80	2.80
Leisure	113.90	121.80	...	1.45
Recovery	392.40	419.70	+2.10	2.60
Smllr Cos Inc	41.01	43.97	...	2.11
Special Sits	262.40	280.70	-1.50	1.73
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	118.20	125.40	-0.10	0.86
Aust Acc	238.90	254.20	-0.40	2.16
Aust Inc	148.60	158.00	-0.30	2.16
Euro Gwth Inc	143.40	151.00	-1.0	0.76
Japan & Gen Inc	186.00	197.00	-0.70	...
Japan Spec Sits	85.91	91.01	-0.38	...
Univ Tech Inc	77.16	82.00	-0.14	0.33
Worldwide	164.80	174.80	-0.30	0.72
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	86.02	91.42	+0.49	...
Amer Smllr Cos	118.10	126.80	...	...
Cash Trust	50.17	50.17	...	4.10
Convertibles	54.20	57.96	-0.04	5.50
Eastern	280.50	302.50	-0.10	0.10
Equity Income	83.73	89.07	+0.45	5.00
European Growth	275.49	292.40	-1.00	1.00
Europe	205.90	219.60	-0.80	0.60
German Growth	67.96	72.32	-0.34	0.10
Global Bond	60.26	63.48	-0.12	6.40
Global Growth	120.00	128.00	-0.40	...
Japan Growth	205.70	219.30	-0.80	...
Japan Sunrise	184.00	195.90	-0.90	...
Korea Trust	89.39	95.15	-0.84	...
Portfolio	126.00	134.90	-0.60	1.60
UK Growth	82.20	87.44	-0.17	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	85.78	91.74	-0.46	1.50
Select Managers	71.28	76.36	+0.10	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	74.77	79.54	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	54.57	58.05	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 4441				
Special Sits	163.80	175.20	-0.60	1.50
Dividend	80.65	86.26	-1.04	3.84
Int Gth & Inc	202.50	216.00	+0.80	3.19
UK & Gen	41.91	44.82	-0.14	1.51
Fund of Funds	62.60	66.95	-0.55	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	99.14	104.91	-0.74	1.78
Smaller Cos	99.60	105.40	-0.34	1.37
Higher Yield	42.37	44.84	+0.01	3.66
American Gth Inc	66.16	70.01	+0.46	...
European Growth	129.04	136.56	-0.06	0.05
Global Bond Inc	25.40	26.82	-0.11	6.52
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	40.27	42.60	-0.09	1.09
Int Spec Opps	111.79	118.30	-0.73	0.44
Pacific Gth	130.54	138.14	-0.170	..
Formerly LAS				
UK General	71.77	75.95	-0.64	2.09
Japan	65.34	69.04	-0.35	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.03	93.91	-0.48	6.29
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7286				
Short Dated Gilt	63.45	64.28	-0.23	6.63
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	144.80	154.10	-0.20	1.49
UK Growth	155.90	165.90	-1.00	2.40
UK Income	123.40	131.30	-0.30	4.61
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	176.50	187.10	-1.30	2.12
-do- Income Dist	100.90	106.90	-0.60	4.68
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.30	40.59	-0.02	6.70
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	139.80	148.80	+0.10	...
European Inc	73.69	78.08	-0.38	0.40
Smaller Cos (4-1)	77.08	82.00	-0.06	1.92
Growth	393.70	421.00	+4.70	2.40
Income & Growth	380.90	405.30	+2.70	4.10
Japan & Gen	75.18	79.80	-0.57	...
Master Portfolio	£99.17	£103.07	+30.00	2.01
Special Sits	90.87	96.46	+0.31	2.38
High Yield	£12.47	£12.86	+9.00	4.51
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	33.12	35.42	-0.15	0.29
Cash Income	50.63	50.63	+0.01	5.09
European Gwth	37.66	40.14	+0.15	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	25.51	27.28	+0.17	4.54
Intnl Gwth	29.44	31.48	-0.03	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.28	30.24	-0.08	...
Managed Tst Inc	45.61	48.78	-0.12	1.04
Oriental Opps Inc	141.30	151.10	+0.50	...
Property Shares	37.50	40.10	+1.98	0.62
Smaller Cos	29.49	31.54	-0.01	1.62
UK Growth Tst	24.15	25.82	-0.03	2.42
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	68.86	73.64	+0.34	1.41
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.45	68.93	+0.57	2.54
Exempt (E)	29.84	30.70	...	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	134.50	143.80	+0.40	1.72
Foundation	86.49	92.50	+0.11	2.42
German	48.58	51.71	-0.15	...
High Income	69.86	74.71	-0.41	5.89
Mngd Ptflio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Ptflio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	78.44	83.89	+0.04	4.21
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
5 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.33	84.59	+0.14	2.37
American Portfolio	83.06	88.50	+0.39	1.24
European Portfolio	91.20	97.08	-0.69	0.90
Japanese Portfolio	68.87	73.20	...	...
Pacific Portfolio	140.03	150.57	...	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	71.93	77.07	-0.01	3.68
Utility & Bond	54.49	55.03	-0.10	6.13
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	61.69	65.62	+0.36	3.05
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7867				
Intl Growth	124.57	135.59	...	...
UK Income	102.21	111.87	...	5.374
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	68.58	72.68	-2.59	2.30
Beck Bio-Tech	24.87	27.84	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.60	153.26	...	1.32
City Fin Assets	66.95	71.22	...	1.09
City Fin America	76.84	80.89	-2.02	...
City Fin Intl	74.27	78.18	-2.73	0.50
City Fin Japan	169.39	178.30	-3.77	...
Friars Hse Cap	257.81	278.99	...	1.53
Friars Hse Inc	192.85	205.16	...	3.96
Buckley Wrld Gth	130.50	138.83	-2.57	0.09
Fairmnt Cap Gth	139.10	146.42	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	108.27	113.97	...	1.61
Fairmount Intl	155.91	164.12	...	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	53.98	57.43	...	4.28
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	56.20	59.63	-0.35	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	50.38	53.88	+0.06	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	35.18	37.63	-0.07	0.28
Dragon Growth	69.20	74.01	-0.02	0.22
Equity High Inc	77.85	82.82	+0.54	4.05
European Gwth	47.18	50.19	+0.30	0.92
Evergreen	27.65	29.57	-0.08	...
General Equity	78.00	82.76	+0.62	2.66
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.20	24.40	-0.09	8.53
Japan Growth	53.25	56.95	-0.02	...
Pedigree Gwth	47.51	50.54	+0.31	2.75
Pcf Sm Cos Inc	29.83	31.73	-0.05	1.09
Retirement Inc	24.64	26.35	+0.15	5.69
Special Sits	35.77	38.26	+0.20	1.93
UK & Overseas	45.64	48.55	+0.03	1.18
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 890 000				
Capital	62.44	66.78	+0.47	2.38
Income	56.54	60.47	+0.28	4.37
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	148.58	158.06	+0.79	5.67
Fixed & Convertible	38.24	40.68	-0.09	7.63
Monthly Inc Plus	46.34	49.30	-0.11	9.09
Preference Share	44.74	47.60	-0.02	7.71
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	116.01	123.41	+0.58	1.55
Managed Fund	63.37	67.41	+0.15	2.64
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.84	40.26	-0.07	1.69
UK & General	72.94	77.60	+0.64	2.47
UK Growth	130.83	139.18	+1.56	2.45
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	176.33	187.59	+0.73	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	132.75	141.22	...	...
Global Bond	71.72	76.29	-0.05	6.85
Japan Growth	126.19	134.24	-0.17	...
North Amer Grth	147.02	156.40	+0.74	...
Oriental Growth	76.33	81.20	+0.10	...
Worldwide Growth	60.06	63.91	+0.17	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.68	91.68	+0.01	4.64
Homemaker Fund	73.11	77.78	+0.33	1.94
Quilter Fund	121.10	128.83	+0.63	3.04
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.95	58.45	+0.40	3.10
High Income	31.58	33.59	+0.15	4.90
Japan	36.53	38.86	-0.05	...
Smaller Cos Inc	29.87	31.77	-0.05	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.33	33.32	-0.06	2.40
North American	30.65	32.60	...	0.40
European	34.50	36.70	+0.26	0.40
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.84	32.01	...	3.37
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	134.10	142.70	-0.20	2.05
Income	67.68	72.01	+0.59	5.13
European	58.05	61.76	+0.73	0.96
Recovery	141.00	150.10	+1.00	1.85
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	801.30	815.00	...	3.91
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	66.76	71.02	..	1.38
Income	221.20	235.30	+1.40	4.94
Smaller Cos	143.10	152.20	-0.30	0.88
Inv Portfolio	74.24	78.97	+0.26	1.51
High Income Port	64.58	68.70	+0.40	5.05
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.02	£15.41	..	...
Japan Small Cos	£13.02	£13.28	..	...
UK Small Cos	£17.29	£18.04	..	...
US Small Cos	£15.32	£15.76	..	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	199.60	210.20	...	2.72
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	254.90	269.60	-0.30	1.03
New Asia	214.60	229.20	+0.40	...
Japan Growth	124.30	132.30	-1.10	...
Jap Smllr Co	524.70	557.70	-1.30	...
Nth Amer	232.60	246.60	-1.50	0.96
Sthfrd Asia Pac Mt	121.00	126.90	-0.30	0.35
UK Inc & Grth	199.40	213.00	+1.60	2.63
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	133.10	141.60	-0.50	1.89
UK High Inc Inc	141.70	150.70	-0.60	4.78
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.73	59.16	-0.26	5.30
Envrnmntl Opps	78.98	84.02	-0.05	1.12
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	111.50	118.30	-0.10	1.48
Convertibles	20.19	21.45	+0.04	6.99
Equity Income	120.20	127.70	+1.00	4.15
EuroFund	42.32	44.84	-0.29	0.45
Financial	43.61	46.34	+0.15	1.73
Growth & Inc	219.00	232.70	+1.70	3.31
High Dist	146.60	155.80	-1.00	4.81
International	383.20	407.20	-0.40	0.12
Int Cap Inc	91.08	97.23	+0.62	3.09
Latin American	46.00	48.88	-0.72	...
Pacific	87.81	93.30	+0.02	...
Preference Share	21.22	22.55	-0.01	7.32
Tokyo	233.50	247.70	-1.10	.
UK Smaller Cos	212.70	226.00	-0.10	1.22
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	207.74	222.08	+1.33	0.99
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7264				
Endurance Fd	196.70	209.30	...	0.52
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	73.80	77.68	+0.25	1.76
Ethical Tst	43.10	45.37	+0.12	1.28
Far Eastern	300.78	316.61	+0.01	1.67
High Income	125.99	132.62	+0.56	4.86
Intl Growth	115.93	122.03	+0.23	1.36
North American	101.90	107.26	+0.51	1.21
Pelican	109.10	114.84	+0.25	3.35
Smaller Cos	68.58	72.19	-0.24	2.31
Special Sits	85.53	90.03	-0.03	2.43
Tst of Inv Tsts	178.63	188.03	+0.30	1.49
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	202.54	210.98	-0.27	1.41
Smaller Cos Acc	354.49	369.26	-0.45	1.41
Recovery	51.96	54.12	-0.04	1.20
Recovery Acc	52.06	54.25	-0.04	1.20
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	105.62	112.33	+0.54	6.04
Capital Growth	79.29	85.03	+0.10	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	43.73	46.04	+0.11	0.62
High Income	43.34	46.45	+0.01	0.90
Warrant	56.49	61.40	-0.58	..
Zero Preference	34.57	36.68	-0.09	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	71.76	76.33	...	2.43
Family Income Tst	45.95	45.95	...	5.84
Family Trust	84.52	89.91	...	1.05
United Charities	249.00	264.90	...	2.70
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	25.98	26.23	-0.15	8.14
Intl Bond	26.18	27.18	-0.06	5.56
Income Funds				
High Income	24.58	25.87	-0.05	5.41
Income Plus	107.70	114.60	-0.20	3.78
Amer Eq Inc	43.33	45.90	+0.03	1.14
European Income	40.62	43.20	+0.04	2.17
Far East Inc	60.37	64.24	-0.29	2.39
Global Convertible	21.92	23.39	-0.01	3.79
UK Div Grth	22.88	24.33	+0.15	1.25
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.40	69.76	+0.06	...
American	218.50	231.70	-0.30	...
Amer Spec Sits	106.10	113.20	+0.10	...
Japan Smaller Cos	41.87	44.67	-0.50	...
European	158.90	169.00	-0.50	...
European Opps	60.10	63.91	+0.02	...
Global Fdv	23.55	25.02	...	1.42
UK Growth	85.27	90.67	+0.34	...
Growth & Inc	136.90	145.60	+0.20	2.67
Intl PEP	34.82	37.03	+0.11	...
Japan Spec Sits	96.17	102.60	-0.70	...
Japan	198.80	212.20	-1.30	...
Managed Intl	260.60	277.50	-0.40	...
Moneybuilder	51.11	54.35	-0.01	...
Recovery	45.90	48.91	-0.03	...
South E Asia	146.60	156.40	+0.10	...
Special Sits	497.50	529.00	+1.30	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	106.90	106.90	+0.01	4.70
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	131.40	134.70	-2.80	1.58
Inc Ptflio	82.01	83.58	+0.31	3.75
Cap Ptflio	137.80	140.50	+0.50	0.92
General Oppd	116.60	118.70	-2.50	3.50
Growth Inc	29.45	30.11	+0.18	1.77
Private Portfolio	379.60	388.80	-8.0	1.52
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 810				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	106.50	112.90	+0.50	0.53
Emrg Asian	173.30	185.30	+2.60	...
High Income	21.09	22.43	-0.01	10.03
Oseas Income	86.81	92.58	+0.42	3.09
UK Growth	103.40	110.60	+0.30	1.69
UK Income	99.77	106.40	+0.60	4.32
US Smaller Cos	271.10	289.90	+0.60	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.64	48.55	+0.44	3.46
-do- Inv Tst Inc	73.71	78.42	-0.04	4.21
Intl Growth	69.42	73.85	...	1.21
Investment Trust	88.54	94.19	-0.08	...
UK Smaller Cos	75.64	80.47	-0.23	1.33
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	49.92	53.32	-0.19	...
(Accum Units)	49.92	53.32	-0.19	...
Amer Smllr Cos	430.30	460.10	-0.80	...
(Accum Units)	439.60	470.10	-0.70	...
Capital Tst	298.10	317.00	-0.30	1.59
(Accum Units)	425.70	452.80	-0.30	1.59
Convl Smllr Cos	56.30	60.85	-0.19	0.56
(Accum Units)	59.21	63.99	-0.20	0.56
Convertible	122.50	135.60	+0.20	5.55
(Accum Units)	251.90	267.50	+0.40	5.55
Emerging Markets	78.09	83.42	-0.54	...
(Accum Units)	78.15	83.49	-0.55	...
European	111.30	118.40	+0.40	0.04
(Accum Units)	116.60	124.00	+0.40	0.04
Extra Income	313.20	333.10	+0.50	4.03
(Accum Units)	463.60	493.10	+0.90	4.03
Financial	112.70	121.20	-0.10	0.22
(Accum Units)	118.70	127.60	-0.10	0.22
Gilt Trust	59.04	60.89	-0.50	6.46
(Accum Units)	82.45	85.03	-0.71	6.46
Health Fund Inc	116.60	124.50	-0.60	...
(Accum Units)	116.60	124.50	-0.60	...
Income & Growth	181.40	192.90	+0.80	3.46
(Accum Units)	266.80	283.70	+1.20	3.46
Intl Growth	336.80	359.80	-1.60	...
(Accum Units)	374.00	399.60	-1.70	...
Japan & Gen	183.30	196.30	-1.50	...
(Accum Units)	185.20	198.20	-1.60	...
Managed Port Inc	99.56	104.80	...	1.45
(Accum Units)	105.60	111.10	...	1.45
Monthly Income	155.40	165.30	+0.50	4.04
Quarterly Income	50.26	53.46	+0.10	4.57
(Accum Units)	52.96	56.33	+0.11	4.57
Recovery	331.20	354.10	-1.50	0.15
(Accum Units)	389.90	416.90	-1.70	0.15
UK Growth	49.37	52.74	-0.34	2.84
(Accum Units)	51.07	54.55	-0.35	2.84
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, P'mth Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881342				
FP Equity Dist	359.40	382.30	...	3.16
-do- Accum	750.00	797.80	...	3.16
FP Euro Gth Dist	132.30	140.70	...	0.23
-do- Accum	137.90	146.70	...	0.23
FP Fixed Int Dist	126.60	133.90	...	7.33
-do- Accum	229.10	242.30	...	7.33
FP Intl Gth Dist	89.44	95.14	...	0.51
-do- Accum	93.31	99.26	...	0.51
FP Nth Amer Dist	171.80	181.90	...	0.92
-do- Accum	188.40	199.50	...	0.92
FP Pac Basin Dist	312.00	331.90	...	0.03
-do- Accum	318.30	338.60	...	0.03
Stewardship Dist	315.80	335.90	...	2.16
-do- Accum	382.00	406.30	...	2.16
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	69.45	73.88	...	3.72
-do- Accum	88.75	94.41	...	3.72
N Am Stshp Dist	91.95	97.81	...	0.63
-do- Accum	97.39	103.60	...	0.63
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	103.40	109.90	-1.30	0.90
Open Cap Gth Acc	106.90	113.70	-1.20	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	99.36	105.70	-1.30	1.75
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.00	107.40	-1.30	1.75
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	101.60	108.00	-1.30	1.69
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	103.10	109.60	-1.20	1.69
NM Unit Trusts				
American	40.47	43.05	+0.10	1.48
Australian	310.40	333.00	-1.50	0.0
Conscience	68.34	72.93	+0.04	0.45
European	188.70	200.70	+1.50	0.66
Extra Income	68.04	72.61	+0.15	6.11
Gilt & FI	54.30	57.42	-0.27	6.46
Gold	55.34	59.50	+0.13	0.0
Income	51.38	54.80	+0.29	4.06
Intnl	31.44	33.55	-0.09	0.63
Jap Smaller Cos	386.40	412.10	-1.50	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	262.80	281.80	-0.50	0.0
Smaller Cos	29.27	31.47	+0.05	0.60
Special Sits	33.79	36.33	+0.30	1.89
Sterling Deposit	100.50	100.50	...	4.80
Tokyo	92.16	98.17	-0.35	0.0
UK Equity	162.60	173.40	+1.30	2.23
US Smaller Cos	103.80	111.00	-0.80	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 186/7				
GANDA	223.60	236.50	+1.30	2.50
Cash	49.64	50.38	...	3.76
Growth Portfolio	74.84	79.33	-0.31	0.73
Income Portfolio	60.08	63.54	+0.04	4.64
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	160.50	171.70	...	...
European	500.70	547.60	...	0.48
Far East & Gen	282.50	302.20	...	...
Germany	113.70	120.80	...	...
Income Inc	142.50	152.40	...	4.63
International	330.50	353.50	...	0.20
Intl Income	75.16	79.79	...	4.33
Japan & General	409.30	435.70	...	...
Korean Securities	76.06	81.35	...	...
Smllr Cos Div Inc	45.70	48.88	...	4.87
UK Capital (Inc)	163.10	174.50	...	1.00
UK Spec Sits	81.31	86.97	...	0.65
US & General	125.90	134.10	...	..
Wwide Spec Sits	153.90	164.50	...	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.32	47.39	+0.25	2.49
Cash Trust	135.04	135.04	+0.01	4.82
Practical Inv Inc	109.49	117.10	+0.34	3.54
UK Index	138.11	140.50	+1.03	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	112.51	120.33	-0.47	1.32
Income Funds				
Preference Share	22.56	24.13	-0.02	10.15
High Income	31.51	33.70	+0.13	5.40
UK Equity Income	129.75	138.77	-0.86	3.67
Global Bond	25.18	27.16	-0.04	5.49
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	56.15	60.05	-0.51	...
Global Inc & Gth	126.07	134.17	-0.10	2.00
Gold & Intl Res	122.83	131.37	+0.85	..
Global Utilities	128.71	137.68	...	1.10
Overseas Funds				
American	129.14	137.69	-0.14	1.02
European	92.16	97.74	+0.45	1.01
Euro Sel Opps	132.95	141.01	+0.38	...
Amer Emerging	88.68	94.84	-0.43	...
Hong Kong	135.92	145.29	-0.30	1.46
Japan	251.07	265.73	-1.03	...
Pacific Growth	222.49	237.96	+0.16	1.31
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	201.83	201.83	+0.90	2.16
Long Term Bal	218.92	218.92	+0.96	2.73
Med Term Bal	185.65	185.65	+0.38	3.47
UK Equity	222.36	222.36	-1.82	2.73
UK Emerging Cos	135.31	135.31	-0.25	2.25
American	209.62	209.62	+0.21	1.56
Japan	128.73	128.73	...	...
European	240.59	240.59	+1.30	1.00
Index Linked Gilt	161.94	161.94	-0.25	2.97
Fixed Interest	148.07	148.07	-0.11	6.94
Amer Emergng	236.57	236.57	-0.93	...
Pacific	240.91	240.91	-0.79	0.60
Emerging Mkts	164.76	164.76	-2.38	0.12
Index Strat Japan	154.82	154.82	-2.15	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	186.97	186.97	-3.58	1.02
-do- Cntx Europe	137.86	137.86	-3.52	1.99
Index Strat USA	119.42	119.42	-2.07	2.57
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	95.22	101.30	+0.45	...
Med Term Bal	88.18	93.81	+0.19	...
Long Term Bal	98.45	104.73	+0.45	...
UK Equity	102.70	109.25	+0.89	..
UK Emerging Cos	63.41	67.46	-0.12	...
American	97.20	103.40	+0.10	...
Japan	61.81	65.76	...	...
European	100.03	106.42	+0.53	...
Fixed Interest	74.59	79.34	-0.06	...
Index Linked Gilt	71.80	76.38	-0.12	...
Deposit	78.99	84.03	...	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	120.58	126.93	-1.12	...
Berkeley Income	108.04	113.73	-1.10	2.34
BWH Intl	134.61	141.69	-1.22	0.60
Bcliff Gth Port Inc	58.08	61.30	-0.63	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	53.77	56.71	-0.53	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	51.59	54.45	-0.46	0.50
Shaw Utilities	57.04	60.83	+0.21	2.53
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management Ltd, 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	532.06	560.02	...	0.85
European Inc	138.13	146.95	...	0.95
Amalgam Inc	144.26	152.73	-1.31	...
N America Inc	310.56	330.38	...	...
Far East Inc	356.82	379.60	...	...
UK Divid Inc	168.33	179.07	-4.72	1.40
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	84.87	89.38	+0.32	4.73
UK Small Cos	45.22	48.37	-0.16	0.92
British Growth	49.73	52.56	+0.06	2.48
American Gwth	151.17	161.68	-0.14	...
Japan Gwth	80.98	86.61	-0.37	...
Greater China	193.06	206.48	-1.37	...
Pacific Strategy	172.43	184.41	-0.77	...
European Gwth	80.84	86.46	+0.06	0.12
Intl Growth	141.09	150.90	-0.64	...
US Index (£)	12.19	12.84	+0.02	3.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	71.43	75.84	+0.08	2.23
Monthly Income	37.05	39.52	+0.17	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	9.66	10.17	+0.18	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	89.85	95.58	...	1.23
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 0048				
Cash	136.80	136.80	...	3.32
European	456.20	487.30	+0.80	0.10
Gilt & Fixed	121.60	125.00	-0.60	8.13
Growth Equity	314.90	336.40	+1.40	1.98
Income Trust	121.90	130.30	+0.60	3.16
International	174.60	186.50	-0.10	...
Japan Trust	131.70	140.60	-0.50	...
Nth American	239.70	256.00	+0.30	0.25
Pacific	558.30	596.30	+1.10	...
Guardhill	460.80	492.30	+1.50	2.02
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	97.28	100.96	-0.70	7.01
Global High Inc	98.58	99.20	-0.89	7.31
Prem Fixed Int	97.45	101.16	-0.65	8.74
Eqty & Bond Inc	95.37	101.41	-1.14	5.17
European Growth	95.17	101.18	-1.75	...
Intl PEP Trust	56.02	59.56	-0.72	...
High Income	114.66	121.91	-1.84	4.13
Recovery	364.60	387.60	-3.10	1.46
St Vinc High Inc	121.74	123.56	-1.12	7.06
Tmp Bar Emer Co	242.80	258.20	-0.90	1.47
Tmp Br Sm Co In	358.70	365.10	-1.20	1.94
Glob Priv Tst	88.27	93.78	-1.95	1.26
Inc Share Tst	89.77	95.45	-0.84	8.33
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptflio	191.80	203.50	+1.00	2.70
Smaller Cos	32.55	34.63	+0.02	0.95
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 200 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	280.03	299.63	+1.03	1.46
Best of British	59.88	63.65	+0.58	2.73
UK Smaller Cos	120.73	129.24	+0.04	1.39
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	261.08	278.04	+1.61	3.23
High Income	302.18	323.02	-0.70	4.12
Extra Income	262.61	279.28	+1.02	5.93
Pref & Gilt	42.37	45.54	-0.30	9.50
International				
International	261.62	279.16	-0.12	0.07
Global Bond	49.97	53.14	-0.01	5.62
Family of Funds	79.19	84.74	-0.79	0.12
Global Tech	140.29	150.04	+0.26	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	183.96	196.72	-0.11	...
European	440.63	467.04	+1.24	0.52
European Income	77.06	81.58	-0.25	2.78
Euro Smlr Cos	144.95	155.50	-0.21	...
Eur Sp Sits	66.85	71.11	+0.09	0.10
Japan Trust	226.51	240.84	-0.48	...
Japan Special Sits	254.38	270.82	-0.67	...
Pacific Smly Cos	271.82	289.17	+1.75	...
North American	215.82	229.45	+0.45	0.38
American Smaller	95.59	102.18	-0.44	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	50.78	53.82	-0.23	...
Eur Sp Sits	57.61	61.06	+0.07	...
General Growth	40.29	42.70	+0.37	...
Global Tech	54.88	58.17	+0.11	...
Income Growth	39.71	42.09	+0.24	...
Japan Growth	27.71	29.37	-0.05	...
Overseas Growth	38.22	40.51	...	...
Smaller Cos	21.45	22.73	...	...
Special Opps	28.52	30.23	+0.01	...
Wwide Sp Sits	47.69	50.55	...	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	93.06	99.52	+0.62	1.83
Capital	163.70	175.00	-0.80	1.32
Dollar	313.80	335.60	+1.20	...
European	213.60	228.45	+0.50	...
Far East	322.00	344.30	+0.20	0.15
Financial	762.50	815.50	+3.50	1.36
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.17	25.13	-0.14	8.04
High Yield	99.03	105.90	+0.50	4.29
Income & Growth	134.70	144.00	+0.80	3.57
International	243.30	260.20	+0.70	...
Japanese General	212.40	227.10	...	...
Japan Tech	88.61	94.77	+0.14	...
Nat Resources	77.48	82.86	+0.09	...
Portfolio	68.54	73.30	+0.25	1.50
Security	305.80	327.00	+1.40	1.79
Smaller Cos	120.30	128.60	-0.30	1.08
Special Sits	141.87	151.60	+0.50	1.54
UK Emerging Cos	86.57	92.51	-0.29	0.54
US Smaller Cos	70.91	75.83	-0.39	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
6 Bevis Marks, London EC3A 7QP Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505 Dealing: 071 955 5055				
UK Funds				
Capital	545.00	581.60	+2.0	2.18
Income	529.50	564.00	+4.10	4.32
Footsie Fund	50.20	53.08	+0.48	2.72
Trinle Index	107.50	114.70	-0.10	1.90
UK Index	130.90	139.70	+1.0	3.11
International Funds				
American Growth	441.70	471.40	+1.0	0.64
American Index	181.70	193.70	+0.70	1.41
Balanced				
European Growth	106.60	113.30	+0.40	...
Eurotrack 100	145.50	154.70	+0.90	1.12
Global Bond	19.83	20.93	+0.01	7.35
UK Income	257.30	261.00	...	4.57
UK Sml Cos	230.80	239.70	...	1.06
Euro Gwth	118.60	119.70	...	...
N Amer Gwth	71.01	71.71	...	0.13
Japan Growth	69.08	69.77	...	...
Money Mkt	120.83	120.83	...	2.280
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	444.40	472.80	+1.90	2.66
Equity Income	91.82	99.81	+0.28	3.91
UK Tactical Allocto	52.84	56.11	+0.49	2.82
European	107.90	114.80	...	0.91
Far Eastern	241.03	256.40	-0.90	...
Fixed Interest	48.20	51.28	-0.11	7.12
Gilt	83.66	86.72	-0.13	7.07
Global Growth	76.45	81.33	-0.01	0.11
Intl Bond	48.56	51.58	-0.08	5.20
Japanese	79.87	84.97	-0.58	...
North American	136.60	145.30	-0.80	0.72
Pacific Growth	117.30	124.80	-0.30	...
UK Index	58.76	62.02	+0.27	3.22
UK Recovery	86.73	92.27	+0.06	1.94
UK Smaller Cos	118.30	125.87	-0.20	1.37
US Index	54.39	57.40	-0.33	1.57
European Index	68.67	72.47	-0.11	1.59
Japan Index	42.75	45.12	-0.32	...
Worldwide	82.06	87.30	-0.02	1.34
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 627				
Growth	47.55	50.86	+0.22	1.84
Income	57.12	61.09	+0.19	2.87
Far East	55.38	59.23	+0.37	...
North American	82.84	88.60	+0.70	...
Global	89.58	95.81	-0.03	0.11
European	81.70	87.38	-0.72	0.36
Japan	112.60	120.40	-0.40	...
Intl Currency Bd	54.09	57.39	+0.15	6.04
SE Asia	109.20	116.80	-1.10	...
UK Cap Growth	87.72	93.82	+0.10	1.29
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
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Balanced	322.80	344.30	-2.10	2.99
-do- Acc	725.70	772.10	-5.00	2.99
Contl Euro Gth	59.45	62.58	-0.09	0.69
-do- Acc	63.32	66.66	-0.09	0.69
Extra Inc	243.70	259.30	-2.10	4.20
-do- Acc	618.20	657.70	-5.70	4.20
German Gth	117.40	123.60	-0.10	0.20
-do- Acc	123.20	129.70	-0.10	0.20
Growth Port	520.90	554.20	+1.20	0.16
-do- Acc	528.50	583.40	+1.20	0.16
Income	455.20	484.30	-4.20	4.03
-do- Acc	£12.25	£13.04	-10.00	4.03
Income Port	493.40	524.90	+4.70	4.45
-do- Acc	518.50	551.70	+4.50	4.45
Japan Growth	108.00	114.90	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	108.30	115.30	-0.90	...
Master Trust	55.41	58.95	+0.08	1.49
-do- Acc	61.85	65.80	+0.09	1.49
N American Gen	165.30	175.90	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	190.90	203.10	-0.70	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	127.30	135.50	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	129.50	138.20	-0.90	...
Pacific Basin	261.10	277.80	+0.10	0.60
-do- Acc	277.00	294.70	+0.10	0.60
Small Cos Rec	341.80	359.80	-4.20	2.13
-do- Acc	457.30	481.20	-1.00	2.13
UK Growth	80.35	85.48	-0.68	2.61
-do- Acc	95.56	101.80	-0.70	2.61
Worldwide Gth	305.00	324.50	-0.50	0.30
-do- Acc	449.50	478.70	-0.70	0.30
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 873				
American	60.04	64.42	-0.32	0.10
General	82.72	88.75	+0.34	2.40
Income	62.96	67.55	+0.11	5.40
International	61.99	66.51	-0.13	0.40
Japan	60.06	64.44	-0.19	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	66.58	71.43	-0.13	1.60
M & G SECURITIES				
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Serv/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	367.90	394.10	-1.80	0.71
(Accum Units)	456.70	483.00	-2.20	0.71
Amer Recovery	415.10	439.00	-1.40	0.46
(Accum Units)	475.80	503.20	-1.60	0.46
Amer Smllr Cos	120.50	127.40	-0.60	...
(Accum Units)	123.10	130.10	-0.70	...
Australasian	160.10	169.30	-0.30	1.88
(Accum Units)	194.10	205.20	-0.30	1.88
Capital	793.40	839.00	+1.70	2.49
(Accum Units)	901.40	953.10	+1.80	2.49
Charifund	666.10	672.80	+3.40	5.66
(Accum Units)	£30.22	£30.52	+15.50	5.68
Commodity	401.20	424.30	-1.10	0.24
(Accum Units)	588.20	622.10	-1.70	0.24
Compound Grth	897.60	938.60	+4.90	2.89
(Accum Units)	930.40	983.80	+4.70	2.89
Dividend	38.50	40.70	+0.20	4.45
(Accum Units)	158.10	167.20	+0.80	4.45
Equity Income	333.00	352.10	+0.40	5.00
(Accum Units)	423.80	448.10	+0.50	5.00
Extra & General	479.80	507.40	-5.30	1.08

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International High Growth Funds				
Asian	57.24	61.09	+0.63	0.15
Hong Kong Gwth	99.13	105.80	+0.50	0.78
Spore & Mlysn Gth	78.41	83.68	-0.13	...
Tiger Index	208.30	222.30	+0.10	0.22
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.37	29.44	-0.03	1.09
General Funds				
Managed	68.48	71.08	+0.27	2.50
Expert Child Fnd	79.06	82.06	+0.71	2.47
UK Growth	56.23	58.36	+0.45	2.35
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.35	50.35	...	4.25
Cashbox (Acc)	58.48	58.48	...	4.25
UK Extra Inc	80.26	83.30	+0.39	5.53
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.14	25.92	-0.08	8.06
UK Inc & Gwth	37.89	39.32	+0.31	4.07
UK Income	316.40	328.40	+2.70	3.73
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	46.37	48.03	-0.04	0.23
Amer Smllr Cos	101.80	105.60	-0.50	...
(Accum Units)	102.90	106.80	-0.50	...
Europe Gth	144.40	149.50	+0.30	...
(Accum Units)	149.20	154.50	+0.20	...
Euro Smaller Cos	27.70	28.75	-0.18	...
French Growth	73.54	76.33	-0.47	...
Accum Units	78.79	81.78	+0.51	...
H Kong & China	83.43	86.60	-0.10	1.66
Intl Growth	55.31	57.41	-0.11	0.58
(Accum Units)	55.76	57.87	-0.09	0.58
Japan Gth	35.74	37.09	-0.08	...
Accum Units	35.74	37.09	-0.08	...
Japan Smaller Cos	44.87	46.57	-0.05	...
Glob Emg Mkts	112.23	116.40	-1.40	...
Accum Units	113.00	117.20	-1.40	...
SE Asia	333.10	345.70	+0.70	0.11
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	50.12	51.63	+0.03	5.14
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	124.20	132.00	-0.70	...
Income	140.67	149.64	-0.66	4.00
UK Growth	51.88	55.19	-0.08	0.97
International	81.91	87.12	-0.10	0.26
Ecology	76.08	80.93	+0.11	1.33
European	113.76	120.75	-0.03	...
Far Eastern	332.40	353.60	+1.30	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.52	50.55	-0.15	7.60
Gilt Yield	110.60	116.70	...	7.11
Global Income	209.80	223.20	+2.88	4.08
High Yield	130.10	138.40	-0.74	6.37
Smllr Cos Div	50.78	54.02	-0.10	2.94
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	83.37	88.69	-0.30	...
North American	68.85	73.24	+0.11	0.30
European Special	91.73	97.59	+0.70	0.15
European	144.00	153.20	+0.80	0.39
General	256.30	272.60	+2.30	3.30
Japan	427.40	454.70	+0.20	...
Japanese Special	261.30	278.00	-1.10	...
Master Accum	229.50	244.10	+0.60	0.57
Pacific	344.70	366.70	+3.40	...
Smaller Cos	107.80	114.70	-0.10	0.56
UK Equity Growth	38.81	41.29	+0.86	1.63
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
101 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA 071 629 1603				
Global Inc & Gth	59.92	63.74	...	...
Inv Trust	65.66	69.85	+0.07	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	55.60	59.14	+0.13	0.80
High Inc Acc	49.78	52.95	+0.09	3.60
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	572.10	583.80	...	5.71
Intl & General	406.20	414.50	...	...
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	246.03	261.73	+0.83	5.71
Inc & Growth Inc	53.90	57.44	+0.33	4.58
Smaller Cos	54.38	57.55	-0.11	1.42
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	234.20	249.20	+1.10	2.18
High Income	103.60	110.20	+0.50	4.30
International	97.19	103.40	-0.11	0.59
Recovery Trust	60.41	64.27	+0.16	1.58
European Trust	78.34	83.34	-0.12	1.05
Japanese Trust	45.14	48.02	-0.20	...
American Trust	80.25	85.37	-0.09	..
Managed	65.15	69.31	-0.09	0.55
Cash	50.86	50.86	-0.01	4.15
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0986				
UK Cap	338.80	344.60	...	2.64
UK Inc/Gth	364.40	370.20	...	3.33
(Accum Units)	605.70	640.60	-6.50	1.08
Euro Dividend	65.70	69.50	-0.20	3.81
(Accum Units)	78.30	82.90	-0.30	3.81
Extra Yield	392.90	415.50	+2.00	4.88
(Accum Units)	£12.19	£12.89	+6.40	4.88
Far Eastern	362.50	383.30	-0.70	0.47
(Accum Units)	480.20	507.80	-1.00	0.47
Fund of Inv Tsts	601.30	635.90	-0.60	1.81
(Accum Units)	£11.14	£11.79	-1.00	1.81
General	57.60	60.90	+0.20	3.87
(Accum Units)	158.80	168.00	+0.60	3.87
Gilt Income	57.66	57.77	-0.36	8.35
(Accum Units)	155.41	155.70	-0.98	8.36
Gold	74.90	79.20	-0.50	0.51
(Accum Units)	88.50	93.40	-0.70	0.51
High Income	27.30	28.90	+0.10	4.74
(Accum Units)	107.50	113.90	+0.40	4.74
Intl Growth	75.40	79.70	-0.40	1.01
(Accum Units)	131.30	138.90	-0.60	1.01
International Inc	93.40	98.80	-0.20	4.68
(Accum Units)	138.60	146.60	-0.30	4.68
Japan & Gen	49.70	52.60	-0.40	...
(Accum Units)	53.40	56.40	-0.50	...
Japan Smlr Cos	174.60	184.60	-1.60	...
(Accum Units)	175.80	185.80	-1.70	...
Managed Income	26.70	27.60	...	4.09
Midland	60.40	63.90	...	3.10
(Accum Units)	201.80	213.60	-0.10	3.10
Pension Ex	895.40	917.80	+4.30	4.40
Recovery	40.00	42.30	+0.10	2.67
(Accum Units)	65.10	68.70	...	2.67
Second General	68.60	72.50	+0.20	3.50
(Accum Units)	175.00	185.00	-0.40	3.50
Smaller Cos	66.00	69.80	-0.10	3.14
(Accum Units)	129.60	137.10	-0.20	3.14
Treasury	24.95	25.01	+0.01	5.16
Trustee	40.00	42.30	+0.20	4.57
(Accum Units)	161.00	170.60	+0.80	4.57
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	75.91	80.75	+0.39	0.67
Intl Bond	59.29	62.34	-0.17	6.29
Intl Equity Growth	67.44	71.72	+0.02	0.50
N Amer Growth	87.18	92.74	-0.08	0.87
Special Sits Growth	20.50	21.80	-0.01	1.78
UK Growth	351.00	373.40	+1.43	2.79
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
46 Court St, Haddington, East Lothian 01620 825867				
Joint Investors	£12.72	£12.91	...	2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
c/o Baillie Gifford, 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.30	...	4.40
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	185.20	198.10	+1.00	2.57
Gilt & Fxd Int	161.20	169.70	-1.10	7.06
Intl Growth	202.10	215.00	-0.40	0.10
North American	169.70	181.00	-0.40	0.39
Far East	274.20	293.30	-0.20	0.65
UK Smaller Cos	164.70	176.10	-0.20	1.89
European	76.92	81.81	-0.06	0.13
Japanese Growth	50.07	53.22	-0.13	...
High Income	176.40	188.70	+1.00	4.69
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 418, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 688 866				
M & S Inv Ptflio	143.00	152.10	-0.46	2.21
-do- Accum	162.90	173.20	-0.46	2.21
UK Sel Ptflio	123.30	131.10	+0.77	2.46
-do- Accum	141.70	150.70	+0.77	2.46
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	61.89	65.84	...	4.12
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	68.51	72.73	...	4.65
European	76.20	80.89	-0.84	0.43
Income	70.09	74.41	+0.18	5.75
Nth American	93.69	99.12	-0.40	0.68
Far East	174.00	184.70	+1.40	...
Japan	58.89	62.52	-0.45	...
Emging Mkts	112.40	120.20	-1.0	...
Intl Growth	106.70	113.30	-0.60	0.59
UK Growth	84.00	89.17	-0.52	0.83
UK Smlr Co	44.54	47.28	-0.10	0.60
Asian Opps Fd	40.36	43.17	-0.11	0.12
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	389.62	414.49	+3.60	4.31
Global Inc	62.70	66.70	+0.39	3.09
Brit Leaders	320.19	340.63	-3.97	3.43
Intl Leaders	186.50	198.40	+1.53	0.83
PAM Mg Intl Grth	62.28	64.71	-0.51	0.83
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	185.50	196.90	-0.90	...
(Accum Units)	198.20	210.30	-0.80	...
British Blue Chip	74.99	79.71	-0.37	3.12
(Accum Units)	92.47	98.31	+0.47	3.12
Cash	100.10	100.10	...	5.14
(Accum Units)*	136.20	136.20	...	5.14
Emerging Mkts	120.60	128.70	-1.00	0.19
European Growth	234.00	247.90	-0.70	0.39
(Accum Units)	252.20	267.30	-0.80	0.39
European Income	77.92	82.38	-0.51	3.49
(Accum Units)	103.80	109.70	-0.40	3.49
General	471.90	503.10	+1.60	2.46
(Accum Units)	910.80	980.60	+3.10	2.46
Global Bond	114.80	120.70	-0.50	6.78
(Accum Units)	138.20	145.30	-0.60	6.78
Gold & General	241.10	259.20	-0.70	0.35
(Accum Units)	247.30	265.90	-0.90	0.35
Govt Securities	87.29	90.00	-0.35	6.29
(Accum Units)	165.80	170.90	-0.60	6.29
Income	144.30	153.30	+0.60	4.53
(Accum Units)	221.70	235.90	+1.00	4.53
Inc Portfolio	92.47	98.11	+0.20	5.30
(Accum Units)	92.47	98.11	-0.20	5.30
Intl Opps	445.30	473.40	-1.70	0.34
(Accum Units)	593.90	631.20	-2.20	0.34
Japan	194.90	206.60	-1.40	...
(Accum Units)	200.10	212.10	-1.30	...
New Europe	171.80	183.30	-0.20	0.76
(Accum Units)	175.70	187.40	-0.20	0.76
Pacific	127.30	135.80	+0.20	0.85
(Accum Units)	136.30	145.40	+0.20	0.85
Recovery	288.70	307.50	-0.30	0.84
(Accum Units)	368.40	393.00	-0.30	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	55.35	59.06	-0.14	0.91
(Accum Units)	62.57	66.74	-0.16	0.91
Portfolio	76.48	81.31	+0.10	2.64
(Accum Units)	89.78	95.44	+0.10	2.64
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	109.14	116.11	+0.15	0.93
Portfolio	64.77	68.90	+0.31	0.07
UK Income Inc	72.11	76.71	+0.46	4.89
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Deacon Hse, 192 Eyre St, Sheffield S1 3RD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.24	61.22	+0.07	2.96
(Accum Units)	60.22	64.41	+0.06	2.96
British Tst	78.87	84.35	+1.16	1.98
(Accum Units)	90.67	96.97	+1.34	1.98
Extra High Inc	64.56	69.05	+0.06	6.69
(Accum Units)	123.00	131.50	+0.10	6.69
FT-SE 100 Acc	50.53	53.61	+0.48	2.57
FT-SE 100 Dist	50.53	53.61	+0.48	2.57
Gilt & Fxd Int	51.85	53.96	-0.11	7.16
(Accum Units)	147.00	153.00	-0.40	7.16
High Yield	213.60	228.40	+0.30	5.76
(Accum Units)	521.80	558.00	+0.80	5.76
Income	274.00	293.10	+1.70	3.65
(Accum Units)	596.30	637.70	+3.70	3.65
Money Market UT	49.72	49.72	...	3.85
(Accum Units)	76.67	76.67	...	3.85
Monthly Income	80.45	86.04	+0.17	6.24
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	93.89	99.88	+0.84	1.97
European Growth	103.10	109.30	+0.10	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	80.28	83.19	-0.17	6.51
Income	79.97	85.07	+0.49	3.00
Japan Growth	55.72	59.07	-0.24	...
Managed	65.28	69.45	+0.17	2.53
Money Market	88.54	90.67	...	4.43
North American	81.29	86.17	-0.79	0.52
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	85.30	90.74	+0.77	1.95
European Growth	97.05	102.90	+0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.30	81.18	-0.16	6.48
Income	78.57	83.58	+0.48	3.07
Japan Growth	55.58	58.92	-0.24	...
Managed	62.45	66.44	+0.16	2.50
Money Market	79.09	83.84	+0.01	4.58
North American	74.19	78.65	-0.69	0.62
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	85.32	90.77	+0.77	1.93
European Growth	94.74	100.40	+0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	70.29	74.99	-0.16	6.62
Income	77.73	82.69	+0.48	3.09
Japan Growth	56.90	60.31	-0.25	...
Managed	65.29	69.46	+0.17	2.50
Money Market	73.90	78.33	...	4.44
North American	82.06	86.96	-0.79	0.48
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.69	13.49	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gwth	304.60	323.80	-0.20	...
European Gth Inc	423.30	452.20	-0.70	0.28
Intl Gwth	189.20	201.60	-0.70	...
UK Equity Inc	171.20	182.70	+0.60	3.22
UK Ind Trckr Inc	150.20	160.80	+0.60	2.79
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	180.50	191.50	+0.60	1.30
Japan Tracker	78.22	82.85	-0.27	...
Asian Trader	208.70	225.60	-0.60	0.27
Managed Inc	149.70	160.00	-0.10	1.49
Deposit Inc	99.94	99.94	+0.01	4.16
Europa	174.00	187.40	-0.50	0.26
Genesis	150.10	164.60	-0.40	2.30
High Income	21.32	22.64	+0.18	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	90.27	92.34	+0.13	2.24
Acumen Inc	85.44	87.40	+0.23	2.24
Acumen Reserve	79.41	80.20	-0.53	8.50
-do- Inc	69.29	69.99	-0.46	8.30
American Growth	156.60	161.60	-1.40	0.92
Cash Income	49.89	49.89	+0.01	4.72
Equity Income	90.21	92.65	+0.47	4.59
European	67.90	69.44	-0.16	...
Smaller Cos	75.46	78.98	-0.15	1.17
Olympiad	66.47	68.00	-0.34	...
Global Bond	41.38	41.87	-0.08	6.58
UK Growth	87.22	89.75	+0.40	1.72
Pacific Growth	113.10	117.20	-0.40	...
Japan Growth	98.80	100.30	-0.70	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 380 Dealing: 0277 261 849				
Avon Equity	115.62	123.00	+0.97	2.93
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
UK Growth	70.40	74.90	+0.42	2.14
UK Income	103.60	110.30	+0.70	3.97
Gilt & Fixed Int	65.40	69.21	-0.27	6.64
Higher Income	209.10	222.50	+1.10	4.96
Smaller Cos	78.99	84.04	-0.21	1.97
International	92.37	98.27	+0.48	1.92
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
American Dist	96.69	103.41	-0.06	...
European Dist	103.70	110.90	+0.60	...
Far East Dist	187.10	200.70	...	...
Global Cans Dist	64.58	69.07	+0.05	1.62
Oseas Dist	932.80	£10.61	+2.50	...
UK Dist	325.90	348.60	+2.40	2.75
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.70	78.82	+0.06	4.35
Wwide Dist	102.10	109.10	...	...
Wwide Inc Dist	67.62	72.32	+0.35	2.54
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	60.71	64.07	+0.09	0.50
Fund of Funds Inc	56.38	59.50	+0.09	0.87
North America Inc	45.46	48.00	-0.21	0.54
UK Equity Gth Inc	56.04	59.14	+0.27	2.11
UK General Inc	54.09	57.09	+0.28	2.65
UK Gilt/FI Int Inc	44.81	47.18	-0.12	7.44
UK Income Inc	54.66	57.71	+0.27	3.12
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private clients: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000 Price enquiry freephone: 0500 33 00 00				
Income	218.25	232.19	+0.66	3.52
Global	331.16	352.30	-2.71	0.71
General	180.14	191.64	-0.64	1.78
Bond	109.28	116.02	-0.51	6.16
Growth	117.62	125.13	+0.44	2.46
Intrepid	116.23	121.08	...	1.82
Bridge Fund	84.15	89.53	...	...
Distributor	86.82	92.37	+0.35	3.24
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	116.72	124.15	+0.19	1.43
UK Equity	130.37	138.69	+1.11	3.14
UK Equity Income	125.47	133.48	+0.92	3.32
UK Smaller Cos	113.66	120.91	-0.12	1.41
UK Equity Growth	121.45	129.20	+0.94	2.30
UK Index Trckg	131.16	139.53	-1.15	3.58
Intl Index Trckg	136.94	145.68	+0.18	1.10
International	224.01	238.31	+0.40	0.34
European	184.68	196.47	+0.39	0.20
Pan European	124.63	132.58	+0.67	1.34
Nth American	152.28	162.00	+0.04	0.44
N Amer Smlr Cos	168.20	178.94	+0.20	...
Japanese	98.66	104.96	-0.31	...
Pacific	239.50	254.79	+0.04	...
South East Asian	264.73	281.63	+0.06	0.24
Intl Bond	121.44	129.10	+0.18	4.40
Gilt & Convertible	99.75	106.03	-0.27	5.78
Property	84.92	90.32	-0.04	4.92
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	229.30	243.90	+1.20	2.59
Growth	147.30	158.00	+0.70	2.69
Income	224.30	238.60	+1.20	3.86
Intl Equity	238.70	253.80	...	0.88
UK Income	62.71	66.74	-0.33	3.48
UK Intl 25	75.30	80.10	-0.39	2.04
New Europe	74.17	78.90	-0.28	0.34
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Growth	585.02	625.69	+0.78	0.28
Income	318.56	340.71	+2.45	3.41
Wwide Recovery	371.28	397.10	-0.25	0.03
Amer Growth Inc	203.43	217.56	+0.34	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	240.23	256.94	+0.35	0.08
Far Easn Grth Inc	290.95	311.18	+0.80	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	133.45	142.73	...	0.69
UK Growth Inc	82.42	88.16	-0.10	2.73
High Income	88.72	94.89	+0.35	4.19
Jap Gwth Inc	235.74	251.15	-0.35	0.01
PEP Growth	114.19	122.13	+0.33	0.77
Asian Slr Mkts Inc	129.45	138.45	+0.27	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	122.37	130.88	...	0.01
Global Bond	51.75	54.50	...	6.35
UK Smaller Cos Inc	77.03	82.39	...	1.09
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 201 3927				
American	96.08	102.21	-1.10	...
European	68.14	72.49	-0.53	...
Global	65.37	69.54	-0.03	...
Pacific	64.61	68.73	-0.64	...
UK Inc & Grth	62.17	66.14	-0.40	2.09
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 559 540				
SRI Director Digs	95.66	102.09	-0.09	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	154.96	163.12	...	0.65
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	56.08	59.44	+0.06	2.56
Growth Income	59.83	63.41	+0.14	2.15
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	124.45	132.40	+0.16	1.23
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	85.98	91.47	+0.21	3.25
Conv & Gilt	110.20	117.20	...	6.25
European Income	68.20	72.55	+0.28	2.09
Extra Income	143.00	152.10	-1.10	3.87
Far East	413.10	438.50	-0.80	0.25
Global Income	24.49	26.05	-0.08	4.74
High Income	109.10	116.10	-0.60	5.65
International	205.60	218.70	+0.40	0.52
Pref & Fxd Int	39.97	42.53	-0.07	7.46
Recovery	69.42	73.85	+0.37	2.30
Special Sits	100.80	107.30	-0.20	1.28
Technology	317.40	337.70	-2.20	...
UK Blue Chip	65.33	69.50	+0.51	2.96
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	49.88	53.06	...	2.25
International	85.82	91.30	...	0.39
Gilt	24.00	24.74	...	6.62
Income & Gwth	66.86	71.12	...	4.92
European	48.55	51.65	...	0.45
American	49.25	52.39	...	...
Emerging Mkts	86.83	92.37	...	0.04
UK Smaller Cos	29.04	30.89	...	2.27
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.41	25.97	...	7.01
Global PEP	36.87	39.22	...	1.25
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	254.10	273.70	-1.20	0.81
Japan Inc	111.40	119.00	-0.50	...
Nth American Inc	102.10	109.90	-0.50	0.12
Worldwide Inc	159.60	171.70	-0.80	0.75
Hong Kong Inc	136.50	146.60	...	1.00
Swiss Equities Inc	62.27	66.70	-0.85	...
Wwide Bond Inc	58.06	61.30	-0.14	5.54
Emging Asia Inc	228.70	248.00	-1.00	...
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.43	50.43	+0.01	4.93
Thailand Inc	172.00	185.90	+2.50	0.89
Gold Trust Inc	85.43	92.04	-0.46	0.21
New Zealand Inc	80.92	87.17	+0.08	1.58
Inc Mngd PEP Inc	61.60	66.46	-0.15	0.67
Latin Am Cmp Inc	87.62	94.43	-1.79	0.01
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	58.46	59.50	+0.27	2.62
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	78.61	84.08	-0.67	1.50
Global Portfolio	71.11	76.05	-0.61	...
Global Opps	73.15	78.23	-0.52	0.42
Marsh Global Grth	65.86	69.84	-0.24	1.92
AAM Global Equity	52.08	55.84	-0.32	0.76
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	83.10	89.53	+0.49	0.59
CAM Intl Recy Inc	45.27	47.55	...	1.04
Temple Equity Inc	43.60	46.51	+0.08	3.11
Hartley Growth	71.36	75.64	+0.01	0.26
Intl Growth Inc	84.71	90.60	+0.02	0.73
IPS Portfolio Inc	85.24	91.17	-0.61	0.22
St Jms Ass Inc Inc	45.15	46.87	-0.05	2.74
Premier Parbus Inc	67.39	72.08	-0.26	0.70
Roxburgh Strat Gth	73.01	78.09	-0.48	0.34
Tech Analysis	96.44	102.60	-0.20	0.29
Rosebery Growth	53.04	58.06	+0.31	...
International Strat	77.69	83.09	-0.61	...
UFC Intl-Acc Grth	53.20	57.98	-0.52	...
Coverdale Tmpost	50.80	54.65	-0.34	...
Pram Equity Inc	108.70	114.60	...	...
Lowes Intl Growth	44.26	48.59	-0.19	1.25
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	161.00	171.30	+0.10	1.69
European Gth	93.72	99.24	-1.06	0.17
Income & Gth	126.20	134.30	+0.40	3.08
Japan Gth	124.78	132.10	-0.40	...
Nth Amer Gth	106.80	113.60	-0.80	0.18
Overseas Gth	86.76	92.21	-0.44	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	35.07	37.50	-0.02	1.59
Cash Haven Inc	101.47	101.97	+0.01	4.43
Cash Haven Acc	110.24	110.78	+0.01	4.43
Dist Trust Inc	91.06	97.39	-0.15	4.55
Dist Trust Acc	93.07	99.54	-0.15	4.55
Global Growth	84.32	90.18	+0.23	1.24
Equity Inc	77.67	83.06	+0.10	3.70
Equity	683.51	731.02	-3.11	2.31
European	198.12	211.89	-0.43	0.74
High Income	84.48	90.35	+0.06	5.09
Intl Grth	171.39	183.29	+0.21	1.28
Intl Sm Co	74.07	79.21	-0.26	-0.51
Japanese	225.90	241.60	-1.04	...
Nth Amer	148.92	159.04	+0.47	1.85
Pacific Mkts	101.69	108.75	-0.08	0.32
Premier Inc	45.53	47.40	-0.16	5.17
Sm Cos	84.50	90.37	+1.97	1.76
Spec Sits	103.60	110.80	+0.32	2.17
UK Growth	114.14	122.07	+0.41	2.27
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	284.90	302.30	+1.80	3.46
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
Bolsom House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NS 091 285 2535				
Managed	91.78	97.38	-2.13	2.19
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	472.17	502.89	-0.30	0.40
FA America (Acc)	552.01	587.93	-0.35	0.40
FA UK Equity Inc	150.66	160.73	+0.62	3.49
FA Japan	269.85	287.33	-1.55	...
FA Major UK Cos	90.19	96.22	+0.36	2.29
FA Smllr UK Cos	278.29	302.62	-0.65	1.18
FA European	303.34	324.29	-2.21	0.41
FA Amer Smllr Cos	40.82	43.93	-0.12	...
FA Asia	32.78	34.42	+0.13	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	54.71	58.56	-0.48	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	90.31	95.06	+0.56	...
UK Smllr Cos	79.69	83.88	-0.26	...
UK Income	88.64	93.30	+0.37	...
America	94.81	99.79	-0.05	...
Japanese	59.31	62.42	-0.33	...
European	97.62	102.75	-0.71	...
Gilt	82.79	87.13	-0.42	...
Deposit	82.14	86.46	+0.01	...
Managed	93.95	98.89	+0.21	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	87.09	92.61	+0.53	...
UK Smaller Cos	77.00	81.59	-0.27	...
UK Income	85.51	91.06	+0.35	...
America	92.33	97.18	-0.06	...
Japanese	57.78	61.80	-0.33	...
European	95.13	100.13	-0.68	...
Gilt	82.00	86.31	-0.38	...
Deposit	78.21	82.32	...	...
Managed	88.73	93.39	+0.13	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 6UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 285 000				
United States	70.12	74.82	-0.03	0.25
Pacific Basin	81.89	88.00	-0.29	...
High Inc Dist	121.80	130.20	+0.30	5.12
Ryl Life Inc Cmty	55.93	59.47	-0.16	4.41
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	65.00	69.39	-0.11	0.026
Ryl Life Intl Spec	62.17	66.13	-0.33	...
UK Emerging Cos	123.20	133.10	-0.10	1.16
UK Index Trckg	158.40	168.80	-1.70	3.32
European	121.70	131.00	-0.70	0.29
Managed	139.90	150.40	-0.20	0.85
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	134.20	142.00	-1.20	0.10
European Growth	104.70	110.70	-1.70	0.81
Far East Growth	136.00	144.70	-1.80	0.11
Japan Growth	138.50	147.30	-0.90	...
Special Sits	185.10	196.90	-1.00	1.50
UK Growth	72.18	76.78	-0.54	2.49
Triton General	227.30	241.90	-2.60	0.63
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	176.50	186.80	...	0.13
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	337.50	357.10	+1.10	0.49
Growth Inc	128.20	135.70	+0.30	0.62
International Inc	333.50	352.70	+0.80	0.46
Nth Am & Intl Inc	302.20	320.80	-0.50	0.01
UK Gen Prog Inc	213.20	225.60	+1.00	1.44
UK High Inc Inc	127.89	135.30	+0.60	3.99
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	59.46	63.25	-0.35	...
Amer Smllr Cos	73.69	78.39	-0.54	...
Asian Gwth	114.55	121.86	+0.42	0.75
European Gwth	65.39	69.55	+0.20	1.00
Global Bd	56.57	59.81	-0.18	5.00
Global Eq	62.71	66.71	-0.23	0.50
Japanese Eq	57.17	60.82	-0.29	...
Japan Sm Cos	67.11	71.39	-0.40	...
UK Gen	51.82	55.12	+0.33	2.80
UK Gwth	55.77	59.32	+0.16	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	62.47	66.46	+0.02	4.58
Amer Smllr Cos	103.10	109.70	-0.30	...
Asian Smaller Cos	48.72	51.83	-0.32	...
Capital Portfolio	122.60	130.40	+0.60	2.31
Capital	156.30	166.30	-0.10	0.65
Cash	124.80	124.80	...	4.84
China Dragon	64.04	64.94	-0.28	0.38
Commodity	137.20	146.50	-0.90	0.20
Eastern Discovery	107.00	113.80	-1.0	...
Energy Inds	123.50	131.40	...	0.42
European Gwth	177.70	189.00	-2.90	...
Euro Inc & Gwth	72.45	77.07	-0.99	2.11
Euro Smllr Cos	51.07	54.33	-0.39	...
Financial Secs	191.00	203.20	-0.20	0.59
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	46.63	49.22	-0.33	9.09
Gold & Exploration	88.95	94.63	-0.45	0.23
High Return	216.50	230.30	+0.50	4.41
High Yield	215.90	229.70	+0.80	4.09
Income	113.60	120.90	+0.30	4.54
Intl Bond	153.20	161.80	-0.60	6.09
ITU	201.40	214.30	-0.30	1.07
Japan Growth	182.60	194.30	-1.10	...
Japan Smaller	207.60	220.80	-2.60	...
Korea	76.71	81.61	-0.77	...
Mastertrust	54.67	58.16	-0.32	0.30
Scotbits	287.40	305.70	-0.70	1.03
Scotshares	274.40	291.90	+1.40	2.57
Scotyields	228.80	243.40	-1.20	5.86
Select Intl	138.50	147.80	-0.50	0.48
Smaller Cos Inc	240.80	256.20	-0.40	3.35
SE Asia	601.50	639.90	-2.90	...
Special Situation	116.80	124.30	-0.70	1.56
UK Equity	231.80	246.60	+1.20	3.04
UK Growth	60.20	64.04	+0.26	1.45
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	45.65	48.56	-0.10	0.72
US Growth	134.90	143.50	-0.30	0.44
Univ Growth	137.30	146.10	-0.50	0.78
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	230.19	245.07	+1.31	0.88
European Gwth	70.47	75.03	+0.54	1.02
Euro Smllr Cos	73.63	78.56	+0.19	0.25
Far Eastern Gth	101.07	107.80	-0.27	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.57	51.02	-0.06	7.35
Global Bond	48.71	48.27	+0.05	6.57
Global Emer Mkts	57.64	61.49	-0.38	...
Income	331.10	355.20	+2.46	3.87
Japan Smllr Cos	514.81	549.13	-2.30	...
Japan Enterprise	72.30	77.12	-0.08	...
Pacific Gwth	135.30	144.41	-0.46	...
Seoul	55.25	59.67	+0.37	...
Smaller Cos	202.51	216.01	-0.14	1.05
Tokyo	126.99	135.45	+0.62	...
UK Enterprise	237.51	253.34	+0.81	2.52
UK Equity	226.69	241.80	+1.57	2.74
US Smllr Cos	146.05	155.79	-0.81	...
World Fd	77.25	82.39	+0.51	1.84
Institutional Funds				
European	222.47	231.89	-1.32	1.37
Euro Smllr Cos	28.38	29.56	-0.17	1.64
Global Equity Inc	75.33	78.46	+0.15	0.86
Japan Smllr Cos	40.69	42.38	-0.32	...
Mngd Balanced	179.87	186.84	+0.53	2.83
Overseas Equity	185.52	193.25	+0.41	0.75
Oseas Smllr Cos	122.83	127.94	-0.08	0.46
Pacific	235.55	244.19	+0.39	0.09
Recovery	£17.87	£18.62	+6.59	2.91
UK Index	147.60	153.75	+0.69	3.37
UK Small Cos	110.22	114.81	-0.49	2.71
US Smllr Cos	41.66	43.40	+0.08	0.40
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2500				
Equity Income	46.70	49.83	-0.45	2.81
Equity Trust	57.46	61.20	-0.38	2.82
Equity Strategy	65.29	70.07	-0.52	1.96
European Oppt	81.22	86.55	-1.61	0.09
UK Smaller Cos	60.22	64.15	-0.15	1.39
Maximum Inc	98.66	104.31	-0.02	5.82
Japanese	81.06	86.33	-0.53	...
Asia Pacific	128.28	136.52	-0.42	0.79
American	92.61	98.80	-0.29	0.71
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.56	30.56	...	5.124
UK General Inc	48.84	52.09	+0.35	2.84
Intl Income	250.60	268.20	-2.50	1.01
European	75.62	80.13	-0.43	3.47
Japan	70.26	74.36	-0.56	0.00
American	61.00	64.71	+0.10	1.92
Far East	91.35	97.44	-0.59	0.76
Ethical Inc	28.89	30.90	+0.05	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.38	33.56	+0.31	2.96
High Inc Inc	34.42	36.71	+0.20	3.44
UK Global Inc	39.74	42.44	+0.09	1.57
Wwide Tact	73.05	77.99	-0.38	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	51.10	54.25	-0.18	1.51
Technology	100.67	107.54	-0.48	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	363.00	387.90	+2.70	2.96
American	240.40	255.40	+0.60	0.46
Pacific	392.80	420.10	-0.10	0.49
European	513.10	548.80	+1.60	1.27
Worldwide	85.97	91.55	+0.26	0.75
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	261.10	277.80	+1.50	2.5
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	186.10	200.20	-0.20	1.6
Select Oppnty Inc	63.41	67.82	+0.23	2.1
Income Plus Inc	67.52	71.84	+0.13	4.0
European Inc	327.40	348.40	-1.10	1.5
Far Eastern Inc	176.70	188.00	+0.10	0.7
Japanese Inc	63.07	68.06	-0.16	..
Nth American Inc	225.50	239.90	+0.20	0.4
Intl Growth Inc	197.20	209.80	-0.40	0.7
Wwide Venture Inc	77.16	82.09	-0.09	0.4
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	341.80	364.60	+0.50	[illegible]
UK High Inc	171.80	183.20	-1.20	[illegible]
Europe Inc	345.10	368.00	-6.60	[illegible]
Nth Amer Inc	204.40	218.00	-1.00	[illegible]
Global Inc	196.30	209.40	-1.80	[illegible]
UK Spec Sits Inc	92.15	98.28	-0.70	[illegible]
South East Asia	236.50	252.30	+0.30	[illegible]
Cash Trust Inc	101.40	101.40	...	[illegible]
UK Smllr Cos Inc	100.00	106.70	-0.40	[illegible]
Intl Bond Inc	85.25	90.51	-0.60	[illegible]
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 000				
Sector Recovery	141.10	148.20	+0.40	4.50
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO				
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	114.70	122.80	-0.5	1.03
Nth American	93.27	98.18	-0.1	0.49
Intl Bond & Conv	120.00	126.30	-0.6	5.14
Pooled Pension (E)	177.90	191.30	-4.6	2.28
Smaller Cos	69.34	72.99	-0.1	1.42
UK General	122.30	128.70	+0.7	2.17
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	90.25	...	-0.2	0.0
Aztec	108.50	...	..	0.0
European‡	118.40	...	+0.0	0.0
Global Bonds‡	90.29	...	-0.5	7.42
Samurai‡	91.79	...	-0.3	0.0
UK Growth‡	100.80	...	+0.15	2.73
Tel Post	104.60	...	-1.0	0.0
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	271.80	287.60	-1.20	0.13
Canadian	69.79	73.84	-0.66	0.56
Capital	121.00	128.60	-1.20	1.23
Cash	100.39	100.39	+0.01	5.15
European	127.30	134.80	-2.30	0.80
Far Eastern	169.30	179.50	-2.10	...
Growth	129.90	137.40	-0.90	1.05
Income	123.70	130.90	-1.10	4.87
Magnum	128.90	138.20	-1.30	1.22
Smllr Secs	303.30	304.90	-1.40	0.85
Thoroughbred	149.80	160.60	-1.50	1.10
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.34	50.85	+0.01	4.50
Cnvtbl Prfrnce	54.05	57.66	+0.03	7.90
Ethical	52.98	56.38	-0.09	3.00
European Growth	69.66	74.11	+0.41	2.70
Income	53.33	56.88	+0.27	6.00
Intl Growth	94.41	100.70	+0.30	2.70
Managed	78.57	83.80	+0.41	3.70
UK Growth	58.71	62.45	+0.26	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
PO Box 141 1 Tanfield Edinburgh EH3 5RG 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	37.00	39.33	-0.40	1.60
Global Advtg Acc	39.46	41.88	-0.40	1.60
Income Advtg Inc	29.93	31.53	-0.20	3.95
Income Advtg Acc	32.71	34.48	-0.20	3.95
UK Equity Gth Acc	62.32	66.36	-0.40	1.38
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.07	51.08	-0.50	1.51
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.27	36.42	-0.40	4.11
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	42.66	45.32	-0.50	4.11
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Albert Finney stars as an out-of-touch classics teacher in a remake of The Browning Version



Into battle at the Barbican

One of Britain's greatest arts centres is being torn apart by distrust and fear, Richard Morrison writes

ALAN WELLER



United front: Adrian Noble, RSC artistic director; Baroness O'Cathain, Barbican director; Clive Gillinson, LSO managing director; photographed outside the Barbican in 1991

To a casual observer, life in the Barbican Arts Centre may seem normal. Its two great resident ensembles — the London Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Shakespeare Company — have maintained their international pre-eminence and are offering autumn seasons of particular richness. With public subsidy coming from two separate sources (the Arts Council and the well-endowed City of London Corporation) both companies are the envy of the arts world. The Barbican should be buzzing with excitement and optimism, one of the pinnacles of British cultural life.

Instead, within the building, the atmosphere is said to be poisonous. Staff are fearful and demoralised. The turnover in the Centre's management — 3 departures in four years — is extraordinary. There is widespread feeling that the artistic glories of the two resident companies are being jeopardised by Barbican policies that lack vision, cultural awareness and even financial logic.

In public the RSC's artistic director Adrian Noble and the LSO's managing director Clive Gillinson maintain a granite-faced diplomacy on the question of the Barbican Centre's managing director for the past four years, Baroness O'Cathain whose methods are variously described by arts administrators as intolerant and arrogant. In private, there are strong indications of an imminent revolt against her decidedly autocratic style of management.

Last month *The Times* raised the question of Lady O'Cathain's effect on morale at the Barbican, after a survey of staff had revealed that a large majority had no confidence in her. The next morning Lady O'Cathain sacked Kenneth Richardson, her arts director, whom she had appointed just four months earlier. "He was a square peg in a round hole," she brusquely told the London *Evening Standard*.

An insider notes that "her handling of the dismissal of Richardson, as well as some other staff departures, has been unnecessarily destructive to the future careers of the people involved, and has been extremely harmful to the reputation of the Barbican Centre". Indeed, it is questionable whether any top-quality arts administrator would now take a job in a O'Cathain-led Barbican.

Moreover, her "outside activities" were felt by many to be difficult to reconcile with a chief executive's duties at an enormously complex and busy arts centre. During her four years at the Barbican she also held directorships at Tesco (where she remains a non-executive director), Sears and the Midland Bank, as well as being a regular combatant in debates at the House of Lords.

Yet Lady O'Cathain, an Irish economist who worked her way up to be boss of the Milk Marketing Board, still has the confidence of her employers, the City of London Corporation. In a letter to *The Times* last month Geoffrey Lawson (chairman of the Corporation's Barbican Centre Committee) complimented the Centre's "bold artistic policy under its managing director, who has the full support of the Corporation".

What particularly offends some of the arts administrators who work at the Barbican is Lady O'Cathain's apparent contempt for the "whinges" of people she habitually refers to as "arty-farty types": barbs that seem to be clearly directed at the RSC and LSO. In a House of Lords arts debate last January, for instance, she spoke disparagingly of "unfettered expenditure by creative people", and later offered this remarkable observation: "In my experience of four years' standing, I can assure your Lordships that many projects are put on by the arts sector for the enjoyment, entertainment, education and enlightenment of those who work in the sector. Not too often do you hear the question asked, 'Will the man or woman in the street benefit from this?' ".

> "The LSO and the RSC do not need any lectures on the virtues of solvency"

That is a view that might just have been arguable in the early 1980s. Nobody working in the arts today — least of all in hugely successful organisations such as the LSO and the RSC — needs lectures from free-marketeers on the virtues of solvency. Yet Lady O'Cathain gives those around her the impression that, *above all else*, the arts must be profitable in a narrow, balance-sheet sense.

While she still had the team of experienced managers built up by her predecessor, Henry Wrong, her lack of experience in the arts world was partly hidden. But they have all departed — few with any expressions of sorrow at sweet parting — leaving their boss exposed. "She has learnt nothing in four years," says one top music administrator.

Others cite her decision this summer to cancel unilaterally a concert series called "Great Orchestras of the World", for which ensembles around the globe had already been contracted. The music business was incredulous. The series' subsequent reinstatement has largely been due to the promoter, IMG, and the participating orchestras agreeing to take on some of the Barbican's financial commitment.

More recently, Lady O'Cathain has apparently decided that "populist" music programming is what will bring crowds into the Barbican — at precisely the moment when the rest of the music business has decided the opposite. "At a time when the best commercial classical music promoter in the business, Raymond Gubbay, has drastically reduced the number of promotions he is undertaking, due to a radical downturn in audiences, she has increased the number of the Barbican's own promotions from approximately 25 a year to 84 in the current season, exacerbating losses," an executive comments. Box-office figures as low as 20 per cent are believed to have been achieved for one Barbican-run series of populist concerts.

It is, of course, not unknown for personality clashes to sour the relationships between those who run arts venues and the organisations that use them. Across the river at the South Bank Centre there is rarely a time when one or more of the London orchestras is not engaged in a mud-slinging match with the South Bank's Teflon-skinned supremo, Nicholas Snowman. Nobody, however, would ever query Snowman's underlying passion for the arts. The Barbican's managing director, by contrast, strikes many of those in the arts world as being indifferent or even hostile to the concerns closest to their hearts.

Such is the climate of fear inside the Barbican that no insider will say publicly what all say daily in private: that there must be a change of management if 12 years of achievement is not to be cut to shreds. In the past it has been easier for the RSC and LSO managements to find a "way of dealing with Detta" than to risk a head-on confrontation with the managing director. That era may now be over.

RADIO

Send to quality street

ON TUESDAY the fax machine spilled out five sheets of statistics from Rajar, the radio industry's research organisation. But only sheet one was needed to write a newspaper headline: commercial radio had for the first time overtaken the BBC. That is indeed an important point, even if the arrival of this moment in radio history had the inevitability of a Downing Street declaration on probity in public life being followed by a government resignation.

The underlying truth of the Rajar figures is not that the BBC is in terminal decline but that radio in this country has never been healthier. Radio is reaching more than 40 million out of 47 million adults (people over 15) every week, although "reach" only means someone tuning in for five minutes.

Commercial radio has overtaken the BBC, but only by a nose: 27.718m against 27.635m. If the BBC has anything to worry about in these figures, it is a political matter. As with television audience share, a cry always goes up on these occasions: if the BBC is the "minority" broadcaster, why should everyone pay the licence fee? The answer is in the quality contrast.

John Peel wrote an article this week in which he bemoaned the lack of variety on local stations, including some provided by the BBC: "Music-loving space critters landing in Britain would assume, judging by the records played on local radio during the day, that life had come to an end in 1980." That makes the Radio Authority's endorsement of yet more "adult contemporary" stations the more regrettable, but most of these stations are commercial and do attract an audience. Hence the inevitability of commercial radio outstripping the BBC, assisted by the continuing defection of Radio 1's audience.

The BBC should be worried that it has failed to halt the slide from Radio 3 to Classic FM, comparing this quarter with the same one last year. But the small drop in the Radio 4 audience is offset by more evidence that Radio 5 Live is garnering more listeners.

Of course statistics never measure quality, though by implication they can measure the quality of the audience. The BBC remains unrivalled as a quality broadcaster — which is why we pay a licence fee and why we should resist the abolitionists. The debate should be about the case for the BBC spending more money on playing to its strengths and less on doing things the commercials can do. In a phrase, should Radio 1 be sold off? You tell me.

PETER BARNARD

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POP: Two British singing stars show that they can delight their devoted fans without relying on mere nostalgia

Not unusual to mix old with new

Tom Jones
Theatre Royal, Norwich

IN THE past 30 years, Tom Jones has had at least three careers: first as a Sixties belter, then as a highly-paid Las Vegas supper-club singer, and now as the epitome of kitsch coolness. Once he was a figure of fun, the performer you could love to hate. These days everyone seems to find him adorable. He's the Edward Heath of pop.

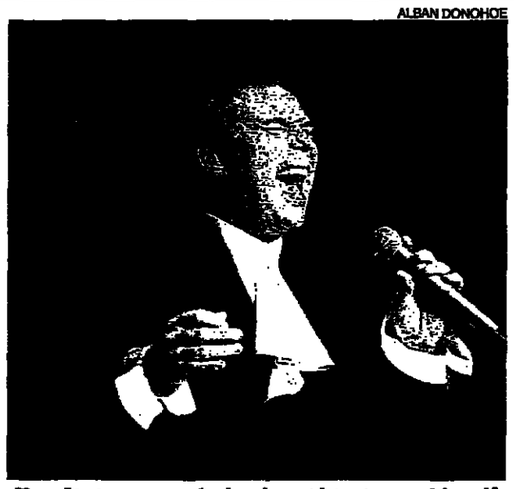
His survival and his success have owed less to record sales than to endless touring and consummately professional shows. Backed by an eight-piece band and three singers, who, with their jumble of dress and hairstyles, represent an erratic fashion display from the last three decades, he gives a remarkably relaxed performance. He breezes through the first three numbers. There is just the odd hint of the passionate yelps and sustained scream that are his trademark. This is a man who has learnt to pace himself.

The show meanders along the different paths of his various careers. All the old favourites are wheeled out — "Delilah", "It's Not Unusual", and "What's New Pussycat". But only "The Green Green Grass of Home" (for which two red Welsh dragons are projected onto the ceiling) gets the full benefit of his soulful rasp. Otherwise the back catalogue is delivered with a perfunctory efficiency, a knowing smile and a chuckle. Indeed he saves the best for other people's old hits.

He seems determined not to be stuck with his past in front of him. He parodies his own youthful athleticism, offering one high kick and a few very gentle pelvic thrusts. And when he dances, he moves with all the grace of a prop forward after one rugby scrum too many.

For all the self-mockery, it may still be that it is the old hits and the rascally charm that delivers the sell-out shows. His own enthusiasm, however, depends on a certain spirit of adventure. It is only with the songs from his new album, *The Lead And How To Swing It*, that he unleashes his voice and breaks into a sweat.

ALBAN DONOHOE



Tom Jones: a man who has learnt how to pace himself

It was his instinct for novelty that led him to cover Prince's "Kiss" and to perform with Van Morrison, and it is the same instinct that has led him to use eight producers and as many different styles for the new songs. On "A Girl Like You" there are whiffs of U2; on the current single, "If I Only Knew", he has a shot at rapping. In between, there are touches of gospel and of contemporary dance, all held together by the power of his voice.

But however much the novelties were attached to familiar certainties, it seemed that his fans just wanted the old Tom. Legend has it that no performance is complete without salvos of knickers flying over the footlights. Everything was running true to form when, in the wait for the concert to start, the audience gave a spontaneous display of their ammunition. But the promised barrage never happened. Tom had to settle instead for the gift of two roses and a couple of chaste kisses.

JOHN STREET

For our pleasure

Bryan Ferry
SECC, Glasgow

AS THE last strains of "Let's Stick Together" faded into tumultuous applause, it was worth reflecting that this was Bryan Ferry's first tour in six years and, more importantly, that he had won the audience of his first British date with much more than just nostalgia.

If *Taxi*, his 1993 collection of cover songs and, now, *Mamouna*, his first album of original material in seven years, display the familiar polished surfaces and precision playing, they also have an altogether more complicated (and perhaps compassionate) heart than ever before.

From Ferry's choice of material here, it was clear that he was aiming for the overview. Four songs from *Mamouna* were joined by material from previous solo albums such as *Taxi* and *Boys and Girls*, and, most deliciously, a large slice of vintage Roxy Music.

Looking dapper in leather jeans and a short jacket which was soon discarded to reveal a garish pink waistcoat, Ferry bounced around the stage, which was kitted out like a giant harem tent. His voice is surprisingly strong in performance and capable of powerfully emotive phrasing. The ballad "Carrickfergus" and "Jealous Guy", the Lennon song which has long been part of Ferry's repertoire, benefit from his maturing style, and should dispel fears that he is all style and no content.

Ferry was backed by an excellent band, whose considerable experience includes work with the Average White Band, Michael Jackson and Madonna. Gabrielle Goodman and Audrey Wheeler — singers from Chaka Khan's band — provided some luscious soul tones, while Guy Fletcher on keyboards and guitarists Neil Hubbard, David Williams and Chester Kamen captured Ferry's textured landscapes perfectly.

The rhythm section — so important to Ferry's pulsing sound — comprised drummer Steve Ferrone and bassist Melvin Davis, who anticipated the required sparsity with split-second precision. Sax player Dan Lipman stepped out for encores of "Avalon" and "Let's Stick Together", which Ferry ended by raising his arms like a prizefighter who had won a substantial knock-out.

LOUISE GRAY

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

MOLLY SWEENEY: Brian Friel directs his own play, acclaimed in Dublin: Catherine Byrne, Mark Lambert and T. P. McKenna play blind woman, husband and surgeon in a superbly moving drama about the recovery of sight. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Previews from tonight, 8pm; opens Nov 3.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Mariss Jansons conducts tonight's programme of Beethoven's Symphony No 2, Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 and Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel*. In the Queen Elizabeth Hall, James Bowman joins the **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment** for an evening devoted to Bach. Frans Brüggen conducts. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). 7.30pm. **QEH** (as before) 7.45pm.

THE EDITING PROCESS: Stephen Daldry directs Meredith Oakes's comedy about the fight for survival in an easy-going publishing house taken over by a conglomerate. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). First night previews have been postponed to tomorrow night, 7.30pm; opens Nov 2. 7pm.

THE PAINTED PAGE: An exhibition of some 120 manuscripts and single pages that are the epitome of Italian Renaissance book illumination opens today. These particular works have been kept in libraries and not exposed to light, so their exquisite colourings are still as near perfect as can be. **Royal Academy of Arts**, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm.

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: Rupert Everett plays the exuberant Mrs Goforth, something of a Tennessee Williams self-portrait, in his 1960s play, **The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Any More**. Georgina Hale plays the Witch of Capri. Philip Prowse directs. **Citizens'**, Gorbals (041-429 5561). Free preview tonight, 7.30pm; opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; until Nov 12.

NOTTINGHAM: **Opera North** continues its brief tour of the autumn season repertoire. Jeremy Sams and Michael Wilcox pull out all the stops for two performances of *The Reluctant King* (tonight and Sat) and Inga Levant's production of *Il trovatore* is, simply, thrilling (Fri). **Theatre Royal**, Theatre Square (0602 482626). All performances, 7.15pm.

BIRMINGHAM: Opening day for Michael Cashman and John Rogan in **Loot** and **Entertaining Mr Sloane**, two of Joe Orton's blackest comedies. Gwenda Hughes directs. **Rep**, Broad Street (021-236 4455). *Mr Sloane*, 3pm; *Loot*, 7.30pm. In rep until Nov 26.

Also in Birmingham this week, Simon Callow's revival of his award-winning Old Vic production of **Carmen Jones** bursts onto stage in all its glory. With Patti Boulaye and Grace Kennedy sharing the title role, plus Blair Wilson, Antoni Garfield Henry and Ruby Turner. **Hippodrome**, Hurst Street (021-622 7486). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Nov 12.

CANTERBURY: Fiona Fullerton takes the title role in Somerset Maugham's comedy of manners, **The Constant Wife**, working her way to financial independence when her husband (Nigel Davenport) does her wrong. Now on national tour; next stop, Croydon. **Marlowe**, The Friars (0227 787787). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats today and Sat, 2.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141) **British Museum**: Prints of the Barbizon School (071-636 1555) ... **Courtauld**: Conrad Felixmuller, final week (071-873 2526) .. **Hayward**: The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells (071-306 0055) .. **National Gallery**: The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) .. **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Whistler (071-887 8000) .. **V & A**: Kalighat: Indian Painting 1800-1930 (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BROKEN GLASS**: Strong performances from Margot Leicester and Henry Goodman in Arthur Miller's latest. An American Jewish couple in the 1930s, wanting to ignore the Nazi menace. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm.

◪ **THE GREEN PARAKEET**: Schnitzler's one-act play, set in a Paris tavern catering for aristos with a taste for low life. Meanwhile, crowds are gathering at the Bastille. **Greenwich Studio**, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Road, SE10 (081-858 2862). Tue-Sun, 8pm; until Nov 13.

☐ **MOSCOW STATIONS**: Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◪ **900 ONEONTA**: David Beaird's Gothic shock-horror satire of a rotten Southern family steeped in sex and incompetence. Totally over the top but weirdly exhilarating. **Ambassadors**, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm.

☐ **ON APPROVAL**: Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is: a sophisticated, diverting but relatively sexless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND**: Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical: showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage; terrific island sets. **Island** (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm; Sat, 6pm, 8.45pm, mat Wed, 3pm.

☐ **THE QUEEN AND I**: Sue Townsend's satiric romp follows the deposed royals as they struggle to survive on a council estate. Paula Wilcox plays a sensible and genial Queen; not as subversive as one might expect. Max Stafford Clark directs. **Vaudeville**, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE SEAGULL**: Judi Dench rules the roost, heading a splendid cast in Pam Gems's new version. Performances cast new light on several other characters. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

◪ **THE SEVEN STREAMS OF THE RIVER OTA**: Robert Lepage's latest work in progress. Hiroshima's Ota becomes a living river, carrying a young woman on an epic journey through the 20th century — Prague, Nazi Germany, Paris, New York, Hiroshima. **Riverside Studios**, Crisp Road, W6 (081-741 2255). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

◪ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG**: Greenwich Theatre's production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **THE UGLY MAN**: Brad Fraser's horrific comedy, set in a brutal corner of Arizona, inspired by the plot of *The Changeling*. **BAC**, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 2223). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 6pm. Until Nov 27.

☐ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE**: David Suchet shows off well as he mugs and flounces as Sid Field in William Humble's stage biography of a comic genius. **Queen's**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ... ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) .. ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) .. ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) .. ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **The Winslow Boy**: Globe (071-494 5065) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15): Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro. **MGMs**: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

8 SECONDS (PG): Unwanted biopic of a rodeo rider. John G. Avildsen directs the year's dullest film. **MGMs**: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

L'ENFER (15): Jealousy rages in a provincial hotel. Uneven thriller from Claude Chabrol, with Emmanuelle Béart and François Cluzet. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742) **Curzon Phoenix** (071-240 9651)

LANCELOT DU LAC (PG): Robert Bresson strips the Arthurian legend bare in a minimalist masterpiece from 1974. With Luc Simon and Laura Duke Condominas. **Everyman** (071-435 1525)

ORPHEE: Jean Cocteau's mesmerising retelling of the Orpheus legend, revived in a new print. **NFT** (071-928 3232)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson. **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGMs**: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons**: **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT** (15): Two drag queens and a transsexual get stuck in the Australian outback. Joyful and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp and Hugo Weaving. **MGMs**: **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. Phillip Noyce directs the best Jack Ryan adventure so far. **Empire** (0800 888911) **MGMs**: **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Empire** (0800 888911) **MGMs**: **Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15): Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell. **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Odeons**: **Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl. **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGMs**: **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons**: **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

SIRENS (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan. **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper. **MGMs**: **Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons**: **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia; director, Luis Mandoki. **Odeons**: **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

WILD TARGET (15): Featherweight French comedy, with Jean Rochefort as a meticulous hitman unhinged by love. Director, Pierre Salvadori. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

WYATT EARP (12): Over-solemn and reverential epic, with Kevin Costner as the lawman, and Dennis Quaid as Doc Holliday. Lawrence Kasdan directs. **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: Patricia Hodge just misses Jean Brodie; Welsh Chekhov from Anthony Hopkins

Not quite mistress of her subject

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie
Strand

EVEN those who know how the tale turns out — and how many people have not read Muriel Spark's novel, or seen Maggie Smith prissily mincing through the screen version, or both? — will surely agree that *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* is absorbing stuff. It takes skill to win our sympathy for a small-time rebel and then, without in any way tampering with the original human data, to expose her as a genuine monster. In spite of an awkward memory-play format and an incomplete central performance, Jay Presson Allen's stage adaptation has enough dramatic tension and moral weight to justify its place in a West End not exactly lacking in revivals.

The prevailing colour of Robert Jones's set is grey, as it should be, for this is Edinburgh long before any festival, let alone fringe, came to brighten the streets round John Knox's house. The square walls surrounding the stage are grey, the porticos cut into them are grey, the nimbus that weirdly hovers above them is grey, and, just for variety, the bits and pieces of Auld Reekie that appear in silhouette at the back are grey-black. If Alan Strachan's production does not quite evoke the oppression and desolation against which Jean Brodie is battling, it is hardly the designer's fault.

Brodie regards herself as the Socrates of Marcia Blaine School and in turn stands accused of corrupting the young. At first it seems that her only sin is opening minds to Giotto and *Traviata*, truth and beauty. If she pretends to the headmistress she is teaching her girls about Flodden when she has actually been telling them about her love-affair with a soldier who died at Flanders — well, why not? The odd show of dissent can only be good for a school where the prevailing wisdom is that Violetta should have put on a plain Scots gymslip and overcome her more operatic emotions on the hockey field.

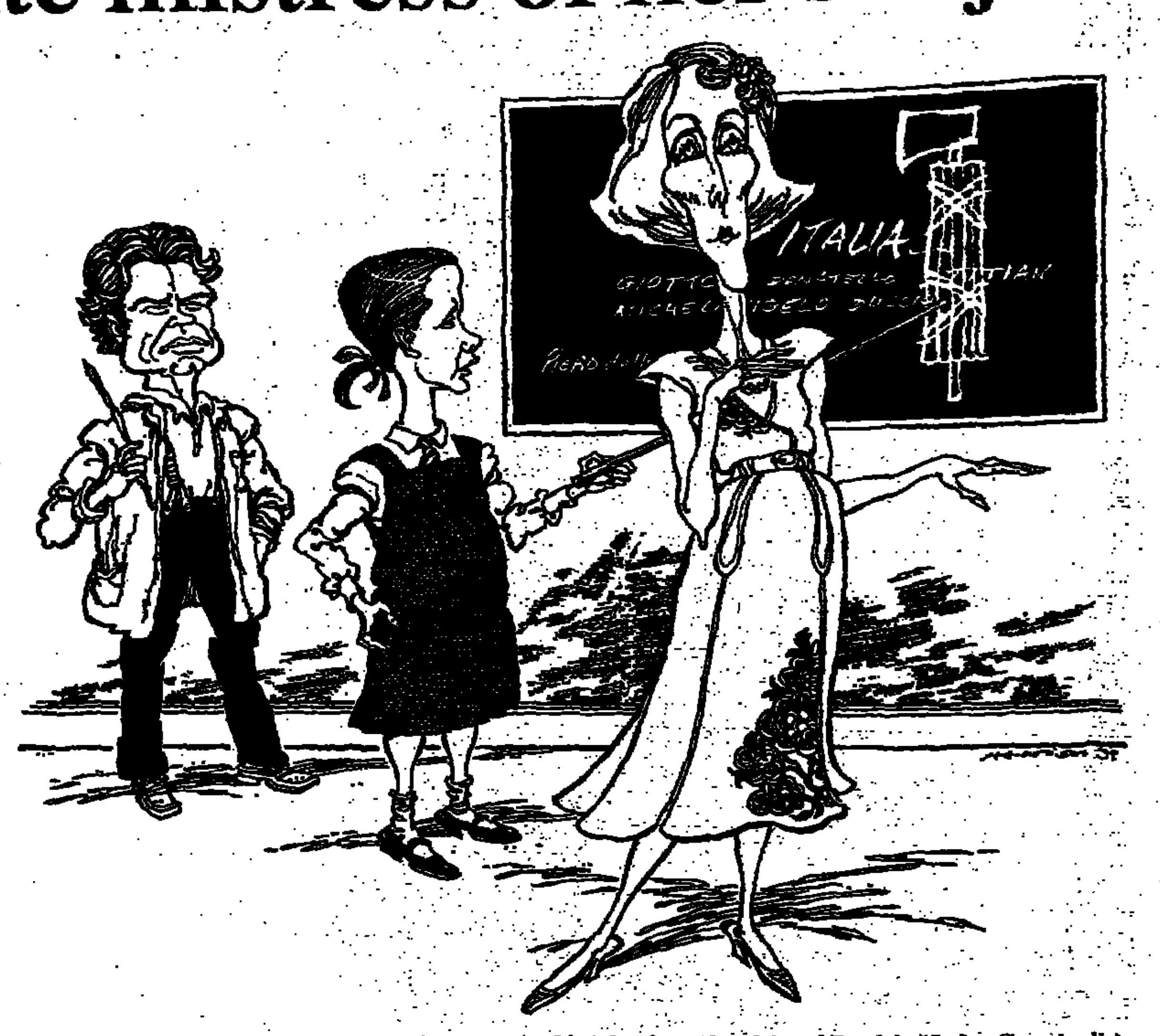
But Brodie suffers seriously from one of the teacher's great diseases, the need to be surrounded by admiring initiates. She opens minds mainly to fill them with herself. Her defiance of the Calvinist ethic is itself a sort of counter-Calvinism, complete with an elect she likes to call the "crème de la crème". And that is not so funny when her passion for Italy becomes a romance with fascism in the form of Mussolini, then Hitler and Franco. It is as a direct result of her narcissistic rhapsodising that the dimmest, most awkward of the Brodie girls trots off to Spain and gets killed by a bomb.

You can readily see why Patricia Hodge's Jean impressed her. She looks wonderful in her sleek Aryan way; whatever the provocation, she remains serenely in control of herself and others. She would make a superbly civilised SS officer; or so she contrives deftly to suggest. That is fine, because the character is at root sinister and dangerous. It is also psychologically insufficient.

Why is Hodge's Brodie content to conquer a class in a Scottish girls' school rather than Europe or the world? Why does she wanly attach herself to the feeble, tweedy music teacher (Simon Scott), rejecting David Yelland's debonair art teacher, among more sophisticated suitors? Maggie Smith did far more to suggest the insecurity, sexual inadequacy and vulnerability to be found in the character. Hodge also misses the pettiness behind the pretension, the tweeness that leads her to offr round "the favourite sweet of littlePrincess Margaret Rose", a confectin cutely called "rosebuds".

You cannot see why Jacki Morrison's Sandy, very clearly the hrewdest and sharpest of her pupils, sould end up calling her "ridiculous". idiculous Hodge never is, even in teaful defeat. Indeed, listening to her pu down the chemistry teacher is rther like listening to Eva Braun asshe might have been reinvented by Nel Coward. She is brilliant — but not qite Brodie.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Coming to terms: David Yelland (Teddy Lloyd), Jackie Morrison (Sandy) and Patricia Hodge (Jean rodie)

Hopkins's homecoming

August
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THE title of this play, Sir Anthony Hopkins's first production for the stage, does not suggest a play by Chekhov, which is what it is. Nor do Sian, "Pocky" Prosser and Professor Blathwaite sound like inhabitants we might come across in the Russian countryside. And surely there is only one professor in all Chekhov, the self-pitying old fraud on Vanya's estate?

Yes, indeed, this is *Uncle Vanya* re-located by Julian Mitchell in North Wales; and Ieuan Davies, called Uncle Ieuan by Sian (Sonya), is the eponymous hero, played here by Hopkins himself with a perceptive grasp of the character's baffled rage. A trapped bear of a man, he is slumped at his table in the final scene, staring across it with an expression of horrified despair, like the face of Napoleon on St Helena.

Why the new title, instead of *Uncle Ieuan*? Possibly Mitchell, working from a translation by Tania Alexander, wants to place an emphasis on Ieuan's *ridiculous gift of late summer roses* to the beautiful, listless Helen (Lisa Orgolini, overdoing her listlessness).

The relocation to Caernarvonshire works amazingly well. "Wales, Wales — I feel exiled!" moans Leslie Phillips's monstrously selfish Blathwaite, and the scattered Welsh phrases uttered by Menna Trussler's Nanny underline the foreignness of the place. Mountains may be sublime if you care for that sort of thing (and remind him of Ruskin in place of Batyushkov), but the close mental horizons offend his snobbish sensibility.

Mitchell argues that his intention has been to liberate the play from false British "Russianness", but I suspect he is recalling the Chekhovs of his youth. Audiences still have to endure boringly reverent productions, but they are no longer the norm. Whatever the reasoning behind it, his new version is admirable, and it is certainly a bonus to have Ruskin instead of whoever.

Hopkins has also completed a film of the play, and the opening out that this entailed he applies to two of the acts on stage, setting parts of them on the lawns around the house. These are pleasant diversions. More significant is the notice he pays to the description of the house as a labyrinth, for in the scene where Ieuan chases Blathwaite with a gun, most of the characters start rushing in and out of three archways at one side of the stage. The sudden shift into farce is strongly counterpointed by the misery of Rhian Morgan's Sian, weeping behind a chair for her lost love.

Gawn Grainger makes Dr Lloyd/Astrov unusually cold. The women are audible but need to lift their voices to the same pitch as the men's. All in all, Hopkins's directorial debut is accomplished, and his own performance comes graced with apt physical details. Notice how he sits with his feet neatly together, but his knees slackly apart, the picture of gutted rectitude. Unlike the exiled Napoleon, Ieuan/Vanya has achieved nothing he wishes to be proud of, and the sense of wasted life is palpable.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Anthony Hopkins gives a performance graced with apt physical details in a production he also directs

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Mean, keen, but not lean enough

Debra Craine on the latest offerings in the Dance Umbrella festival

A little restraint would go a long way towards focusing **Stephen Petronio**'s talent. His Dance Umbrella programme at the Queen Elizabeth Hall cried out for trimming.

The New York-based choreographer started by giving us his take on *Rite of Spring* (here titled *Full Half Wrong*). For the most part it was surprisingly conventional, Petronio's hallmark thrusting physicality well-suited to Stravinsky's unnerving rhythms. The turned-in feet and cupped hands were a respectful nod to Nijinsky: even the spread-legged sexuality could be slotted into the scenario.

But a hiatus in the mounting score to allow for an interlude of Pink Floyd was curious and deadening, and the brief spoken text about the link between violence and pleasure — Petronio likes to provoke — was wholly unnecessary.

She Says, set to banal songs by Yoko Ono, revealed Petronio's flair for punchy, formally structured movement. His own considerable skills as a dancer were spotlighted in the evening's closing work, *The King is Dead (Part I)*, with a solo performed to Presley's "Love Me Tender". David Linton's electronic score then took over, allowing the excellent ensemble to let rip with characteristic Petronio energy. Bathed in blue light, costumed in peeling bandages, and with Cindy Sherman's photographs of gauze-encased heads hovering above, the dancers suggested Egyptian mummies let out of their tombs one balmy night to party under the desert stars.

There was a party atmosphere, too, in *The Dancing Room*, the Dance Umbrella entry from choreographer **Kate Flatt** and designer **Sally Jacobs** at Riverside Studios. The "room" of the title is in some Eastern European community hall where villagers come to let their hair down. During the course of a stylised social dance, courtships are sealed, high spirits erupt in a brawl, a couple marries, a man dies. The four members of Muzsikas, a Hungarian string band specialising in the music of rural Transylvania, provided inspiration: merry for the moments of foot-stomping *bonhomie*, mournful for the protracted death scene.

As an opera choreographer, Flatt is used to working within a pre-determined framework. Here, in a piece running just over an hour, her creative *shortcomings* were exposed. The partnered backflips and thigh-slapping exuberance could only carry the action so far, leaving Jacobs to fill in the gaps with her vivid tableaux of village life. All were nice to look at, but one could wish the dancers had more to do.

CONCERT: Brahms both hot and cold

Solti touches the soul

IT WAS one of those evenings where there was more perfume than music in the air. A gala concert at the Barbican to benefit the **London Symphony Orchestra** Millennium Fund also happened to be part of the "Great Orchestras of the World" series, and there was certainly a sense of occasion.

That the event was a musical one seemed almost incidental until after the interval, when **Sir Georg Solti** conducted a compelling performance of Brahms's First Symphony. Characteristically, he whipped up the undercurrents of the slow movement into a whirling vortex, strengthening the inner string parts and driving them up to the very edge of the oboe's still, but never small, voice. When the horns and trombones announced their last movement song, it seemed a new and unexpected idea, simply because of the way Solti had prepared the ground.

It was exactly this sense of delighted rediscovery that was missing in **Itzhak Perlman**'s account of Brahms's Violin Concerto. Perhaps he should just decide to put this work away for five years or so, and then fall in love with it all over again.

The sweet song at the heart of Perlman's playing has begun to sound jaded: only in fleeting moments, like the trill at the end of the first movement's cadenza, did it appear. And the platinum-bright sequences that used to light his performances can often be chilled, steely and unyielding. Perlman certainly gave the work all he had in terms of sheer drive and energy, particularly in the last Hungarian dance of a movement whose qualifying *non troppo* was thrown to the winds in an uncompromising *Allegro giocoso*. But the joy was gone.

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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on this week's new releases and (bottom) next week's London Film Festival

Rather a browned-off version



Albert Finney as Andrew Crocker-Harris, the out-of-touch classics teacher, and Ben Silverstone (Taplow) in Rattigan's *The Browning Version*

The world may not have been panting for a remake of Terence Rattigan's **The Browning Version**, but it has one anyway. Since we last met Andrew Crocker-Harris, the desiccated classics teacher in Anthony Asquith's 1951 film, there have been some changes. A boombox sounds in the boys' washroom. There is talk of perestroika and computers. To justify an American player (Matthew Modine), his character is turned into an American teacher on a three-year exchange. Ronald Harwood's script even includes a four-letter word.

But life still continues at the stone pile of Abbey College much as it did when Rattigan's one-act play first emerged in 1948. This remains the drama of a burnt-out man who briefly flickers back to life when a pupil gives him a retirement gift: a copy of Aeschylus, in Browning's translation. Around the central figure, solidly played by Albert Finney, the daily routine ebbs and flows: hymns in the chapel, cricket on the field.

Who would have thought the directors of *Alien* and *Stormy Monday* would aspire to such pedigree British fare; would want, in effect, to become Merchant Ivory? True, Ridley Scott, the co-producer, declared Asquith's film to be among his top 20 movies, while director Mike Figgis is no stranger to theatre: his formative years were spent treading the boards with the People Show. But their present venture still seems an exercise in widening one's portfolio, supplying the market with genteel fodder. You rarely feel they were motivated by fresh thoughts about the material.

Finney brings a statuesque nobility to Michael Redgrave's old role. There is scarcely a peep, though, of vulnerability; and it is hard to feel truly moved even when the boy Taplow (Ben Silverstone) hands over his unexpected gift and the teacher's stone façade cracks. This is not all Finney's fault: the shift from the post-war years to the mid-1990s seriously damages the character's credibility, and makes this "Hitler of the Lower Fifth" far more of a dinosaur than Rattigan planned.

Alongside Finney, Greta Scacchi hauntingly swings between lust and regret as his wife Laura: Jean Kent, by contrast, was a stereotyped bitch in Asquith's original. But even with Scacchi's spirited help, and a troupe of good child actors, the film appears as emotionally passive as Crocker-Harris himself. We should give our hearts to these forlorn, trapped characters. Instead, we sit mildly bored, ticking off the commercial ingredients: some classy British scenery, a great British actor holding forth, a bit of sex from Scacchi, and, for light relief, Modine trying to ride a bicycle.

No yawns, at least, in **Rapa Nui**, the latest venture from Kevin Costner's Tig Productions: audiences will be too busy gasping at the stark scenery of Easter Island, the model statues planted thereon, or the dialogue ascribed to 17th-century Polynesians. "I don't need this, priest," bleats the island's chief as some new upheaval arises. "I've got chicken entrails to read!"

It is a pity that Tim Rose Price's script, depicting imagined events 40 years before Dutch explorers discovered the world's remotest inhabited island, never finds a satisfactory idiom. A pity, too, that the cast's accents hail from the earth's four corners; one of the prices to pay, I suppose, if the director is Kevin Reynolds, the man who swallowed Costner's bizarre accent in *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*. Costner himself serves behind the screen only: the cast is headed by Jason Scott Lee, Bruce Lee's *impersonator in Dragon*.

In between the laughable moments, *Rapa Nui* whisks you away on a magic carpet to pleasantly exotic sights. The famous stone statues look like the lightweight models they are. But the landscape is mostly authentic, and it would be a rare heart that does not quicken when Polynesians leap, dive, scramble and occasionally bash each other senseless in a race to present the chief with a bird's egg. File under "Foolish, but fun".

The Browning Version
Warner West End
15, 97 mins
Solid, unspectacular new version of Rattigan's play

Fear of a Black Hat
Metro, 18, 88 mins
Rap music spoof that runs out of jokes and steam

Rapa Nui
Warner West End
12, 106 mins
Foolish fun filmed on Easter Island

Major League II
Warner West End
PG, 105 mins
Dull sequel to the baseball comedy

Although Hollywood makes films for entertainment's sake, watching its product can bring as much pleasure as bashing one's head against a brick wall. Take **Major League II**, a lame-brained sequel to the baseball comedy hit of 1989. Originality was never the first film's strong suit; and you find there is even less in a script content to rehash the old formula (a team of losers becoming winners) with just a few extra kinks.

One of them is Rube, the Cleveland Indians' new catcher who needs visual stimulation from *Playboy* magazine to get the juices flowing. It is that kind of comedy. Other characters are mostly repeat offenders from 1989, such as Tom Berenger's Taylor and Charlie Sheen's Rich "Wild Thing" Vaughn.

A few minor players, like the radio announcer and his near-wordless sidekick, manage to raise a smile. The rest, under David S. Ward's dull direction, remain unfunny cardboard cut-outs. There is extensive baseball coverage, but that is hardly a selling point in Britain.

The week does not improve with Rusty Cundieff's wearisome and juvenile **Fear of a Black Hat**, nearly two years old, which crawls into Britain well behind the previous rap music spoof, Tamra Davis's dishevelled *CB4*. Sequences spoofing gangsta rap groups and MTV visuals mix with mock chunks of cinéma vérité as an earnest film-maker played by Kasi Lemmons aims her camera at the quarrelsome members of NWH (Niggaz With Hats).

The group's repertoire, rich in parodic echoes for those with the knowledge, includes "Straight Outta da Butt" and "Granny Says Kick Your Ass"; while the hats, adopted in response to the bad old days when bare-headed slaves wilted in the sun, could come from the books of Dr Seuss.

Cundieff, a stand-up comic and music-video maker, writes, directs and plays the lead rapper, Ice Cold. His enterprise may be commendable, but the range of jokes is horribly limited. So is the style: despite the achievements of *This is Spinal Tap* ten years ago, parodying cinéma vérité is an easy way to avoid good comic timing. Half-way in, the film runs out of energy and starts to limp: even the intended audience may come away disgruntled.

Three-quarters of the way through the National Film Theatre's valuable year-long survey of Shakespeare on film, the Barbican joins in the game with the film component of its "Everybody's Shakespeare" festival. Kenneth Branagh is patron of the NFT series, while Janet Suzman plays host across the river. Inevitably some films appear in both places; it is to be hoped that audiences will too.

Items stretch from an eight-minute *Tempest* from 1908 to Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Hamlet* spoof from *Last Action Hero*. The Barbican's leading exhibit, given 11 performances, is the 1935 Max Reinhardt film of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a glorious mix of Hollywood, Mendelssohn and the Bard, with a cast usually found shooting gangsters, trilling alongside Ruby Keeler, or drinking milkshakes with Judy Garland. But even James Cagney, Dick Powell and Mickey Rooney are put in the shade by the incredible gnarled forest concocted by art director Anton Grot. Filmed Shakespeare has rarely been so enjoyable.

Some panning, some nuggets

Printing costs being the wacky things they are, it costs £6,000 less to print an ugly 60-page booklet 11in square than it does to print a compact, user-friendly booklet of 132 pages, *Geoff Brown writes*. Hence the disastrous new programme for the 38th London Film Festival. You need two hands to hold it. The index of film titles, a crucial ingredient, is thoughtfully printed in miniature black type on red paper. Prospective audiences will come down with eye strain even before the festival begins next Thursday with Kenneth Branagh's *Frankenstein*.

As you begin to flop the giant programme pages over, your heart scarcely performs somersaults. Unappetising British movies; American fodder with a few kinks; documentaries bound for television: is this all that could be found to supplement the obvious plums from the year's frontline festivals?

To a degree, yes. This has not been a vintage year for new cinematic excitement. Established directors have pursued their set styles: Kieślowski in the last of his colour trilogy, *Red*, Hal Hartley in *Amateur*, Aki Kaurismäki in *Take Care of Your Scarf, Tatjana*, Atom Egoyan in *Exotica*. Their fans should not be disappointed.

The old brigade has also soldiered on. You can find Louis Malle, Jiří Menzel, and, if you wish, Jean-Luc Godard. But where are the thrusting newcomers, the big names of tomorrow? Probably too busy struggling to get funds, or whittling down their ambitions to suit the commercial marketplace.

The American independent contingent is particularly disappointing. Scott McGehee and David Siegel's *Suture* may stimulate the eyes and grey matter with its blend of film noir themes, cerebral thoughts about identity and cryptic black-and-white images. But it is outweighed by films offering little more than designer violence (*Love and a .45*), wishy-washy chic (*Nina Takes a Lover*), or the usual Hollywood bromides (*Above the Rim*). There are few films that go out on a limb: one that does, Lodge Kerrigan's *Clean, Shaven*, tackles the subject of schizophrenia with such minimalist intensity that you may run out screaming.

Among America's documentaries, a cramped television aesthetic stifles Jyll Johnstone's *Martha and Ethel*, a potentially interesting portrait of two nannies and the changing relationships in the families they serve. You are better off with Steve James's *Hoop Dreams*, a probing epic nearly three hours long about two Chicago kids with dreams of basketball glory.

If basketball is anathema there is always *Paul Bowles: The Complete Outsider*, the best portrait of the writer and composer to date, filmed by Catherine Warnow and Regina Weinreich. Bowles in interview has never seemed so relaxed: hands behind head in his Tangier eyrie, the author of *The Sheltering Sky* and other terrifying works utters cryptic remarks with the calm of a perfect gentleman.

Quality rises once you reach the festival's International Screen and Three Continents sections. There are still films to avoid: beware Andrei Koncahlovsky's tiresome Russian comedy *Ryaba My Chicken*. But there are others it would be a shame to miss, especially when British distributors increasingly play safe with the films they acquire.



The London Film Festival will host the world premiere of *Getting Any?* by the Japanese director Takeshi Kitano

Gianni Amelio's *Lamerica* carves a powerful big-screen epic from Albania's struggle to cope with a fleeing population, crooked entrepreneurs, and the chaos of life after Communism. Another Italian film, *The Postman*, dallies too long over thin material, but provides compensations in Massimo Troisi's poignant final performance as the village postman who strikes up a friendship with the exiled Chilean writer Pablo Neruda. Englishman Michael Radford, last encountered directing *White Mischief* seven years ago, bathes the fable in a sweet, sentimental glow.

For visceral excitements, you have to look east, to Wong Kar-wai's helter-skelter *Chungking Express*: imagine a French New Wave jape speeded up and transposed to Hong Kong. For more traditional eye-popping spectacle, He Ping's *Red Firecracker, Green Firecracker* and Huang Jianxin's *The Wooden Man's Bride* should fit the bill. There is also the world premiere of *Getting Any?*, the latest bizarre divertissement from the new cult export from Japan, Takeshi Kitano.

Do not forget the quieter items. Rithy Panh's *Rice People* spends two moving, sometimes poetic hours in the Cambodian rice fields; while Moufida Tlatli's atmospheric, tightly controlled *The Silences of the Palace*, another first feature, leads us into the court of Tunisia's last ruling prince, seen through the eyes of a servant girl who questions her destiny.

Magic also pervades *Through the Olive Trees*, from Iran's leading director Abbas Kiorastami; a beautiful work that teases out the poetic, comic and philosophic implications of an incident that occurred during the shooting of his previous film *And Life Goes On*. Kiorastami has an extraordinarily acute feeling for the texture and rhythms of life, and the interplay between humans and nature: if the last sequence does not leave you panting with wonder, you probably need a coroner.

We all might be corpses when the festival winds up on November 20 with Luc Besson's English-language thriller *Leon*. So many films, so little time.

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Kenneth Baker recalls the events that led up to Geoffrey Howe's resignation speech, which precipitated the fall of Mrs Thatcher

As she was ambitious, he slew her

Central casting would never have given the role of assassin to Geoffrey Howe, a benign, chubby and thoughtful figure with a roly-poly charm and a Paddington-Bear shuffle. He never had a lean and hungry look and therefore did not seem dangerous, yet he will be remembered as one of the most effective assassins in British history.

This is Geoffrey Howe's apologia: why, at the end of a long and distinguished career he struck down the leader who had given him the golden opportunity to rise above the ruck. When Margaret Thatcher became leader in 1975, Geoffrey said to Julian Critchley as they left the meeting at the Europa Hotel, which confirmed her election, that he would "draw his sword for this woman". He embraced some of the Thatcherite policies: trade union reform, privatisation, sound money, lower expenditure and lower taxes — though the dispute between Margaret and Geoffrey about who was the real author of the 1981 budget is not resolved by this book. Public records may one day resolve the rival claims, but the toughness of that budget owed more to Margaret's instincts than to Geoffrey's. He was much more in the mould of a corporatist Conservative and had played that role in Ted Heath's Government.

CONFLICT OF LOYALTY
By Geoffrey Howe
Macmillan, £25

At a personal level, I was amazed by the relationship of Margaret and Geoffrey — distance could only lend enchantment. The first Cabinet after the 1987 general election victory was held on a very hot day and the Cabinet room was stuffy. Geoffrey was reporting on foreign affairs in his soft, droning way. Margaret cut through him, saying, "We must open some windows, we can't have people falling asleep." Few ministers took such a caning from her in public as Geoffrey did and, as he says, "Certainly the Prime Minister could — and did — become very rude." His answer was to wait until after the tirade had finished, and then come padding back with his earlier views.

Margaret made a fatal misjudgment. She thought that Nigel Lawson's resignation would wreck the Government, whereas Geoffrey's would not. She had, by that time, parted company with his views over Europe. At a Council Meeting in 1988 Geoffrey admits that "I found myself wondering" about the break-neck speed towards economic and political union. But he did little to check it, for in his heart of hearts he welcomed it, as he did a single currency. He failed to tone down Margaret's famous Bruges speech, but he does not acknowledge that it has now become the official policy of the present Government.

One of the key elements of understanding Geoffrey is that he was essentially an "insider" and as long as he was inside he would somehow stay "onside". But in July 1989 he was roughly cast out. He says that "shock" is too mild to describe his emotions: it was a bolt of lightning. Margaret twisted the knife by insisting that he give up Chevening, the country house in Kent which the Foreign Secretary uses, where she thought Elspeth Howe was setting up a separate court.


Assassin in waiting: Howe (with Baker) in June 1990

Elspeth and Geoffrey had come to love Chevening and suddenly they were homeless. The loss was acutely painful and publicly humiliating for them both, but then you should never give your heart to a short term lease.

Geoffrey admits that his instinct was to resign. He should have done so, because that last year as Leader of the House was wretched both for him and for Margaret. He was sidelined and largely ignored; it culminated in the humiliating ten minute dressing down in Cabinet on the morning of his resignation. Geoffrey describes this as being in the general run of how Margaret treated him; but several of us present who witnessed it thought it was in a totally different league of unpleasantness. Chris Patten, Ken Clarke, Cecil Parkinson and John Wakeham all said this when I interviewed them for the television programmes based on my memoirs. I think that morning was the final straw, but not the decisive one — for, as this book reveals, Geoffrey had decided earlier that he should go.

The defining issue was Europe. But it was extraordinary that Geoffrey decided to go immediately after Margaret had just agreed to join the ERM — his passionate goal for years. His side had won, so why jump ship at that time? Geoffrey is a very experienced politican and his resignation was shrewdly well-timed. Eighteen months earlier, he and Nigel Lawson had cornered the Prime Minister about the ERM while they were in Madrid, but she had managed to escape. A year earlier Nigel Lawson had resigned but with no political result — Margaret was still there, pursuing her own vision of Europe.

Geoffrey knew he was lighting the fuse that would lead to a leadership election. There was a very small window in the late autumn of 1990 when Margaret Thatcher's leadership could be challenged for the last time before an election. I am quite sure that Geoffrey had thought this through and decided to strike. There were scores to settle as well as, he thought, a party to save.

But, like so many things Geoffrey did, there was a fuzzy blur around the edges. In his letter of resignation he wrote of the "mood you have struck" in the light of the "No. No. No." tantrum a few days earlier. That led not only myself but Douglas Hurd and John MacGregor to talk of Geoffrey's dislike of Margaret's style. Geoffrey certainly had some fun at our expense in his speech to the Commons but our interpretation of his letter was not the cause of his venom. I have no doubt that he intended to make that speech and he had been thinking about it for a very long time.

It was devastating. I heard it sitting next to Margaret and when Geoffrey had finished she turned to me and said: "I didn't think Geoffrey would ever make a speech like that."

The book is very much like the man: thorough, detailed, solid, and restrained: no gossip; nothing much that wasn't known before. Dull but decent — but then decent people can be very tough when pushed too far.

Capitalism rules, OK?

Céline's phrase for the 20th century was "vaccinated apocalypse", and writing its history, after 1945, is technically very demanding indeed. Finance, science, medicine are the stuff of it, but there is only a weak story-line, and few heroes. And community "Europe" is that very 20th-century thing, the important crashing bore: impossible to bring alive, impossible to bury.

The historical literature on this period is, not surprisingly, of low quality — lower than for any other period. To read it, you need the tools of political science — the hatpin in the thigh and the damp towel around the head. A reedy, limp centrism prevails, and spreads the prose with the remorselessness of a weed. And has there ever been an age in which the memoirs of politicans have been so drab?

There are, however, some Just Men. Paul Johnson's *Modern Times* is the view from the Right and deserved its world-wide success. Hamish McRae's *The World in 2020* is a clever liberal optimist's view of the past 40 years. And now we have Eric Hobsbawm, our veteran Marxist historian, writing a pained, honest account of what, from his point of view, went wrong. There is sufficient common ground for something serious to emerge in a discussion between these three, if anyone cared to organise it.

If you narrate this century, you go on for ages, or you are superficial. Hobsbawm has solved this problem by writing essays, in rough chronological order. To understand the book, you have to have basic knowledge of what happened; but then there are many, many rewards. The central questions which Hobsbawm addresses are: why "capitalism" fell into such a condition of crisis in the 1930s, only to recover so spectacularly in the 1950s, and then fall into such a strangely uncomfortable condition in the 1970s. Along the way, Hobsbawm talks at length about the world economy, decolonisation, social changes in the West, and the rise of Youth.

As in his books on the 19th century, the chapters on culture and science are magnificent. Hobsbawm is depressed by the culture that has developed — as he says, if there had not been such a large Jewish emigration from Russia that is blessedly old-fashioned in such respects, New York would not have had any concert audiences left. He is not impressed by English letters, but he might have been kinder to the Americans.

Hobsbawm was until recently a famous communist; he failed to leave the party in 1956 or 1968, the obvious moments. Why, is a mystery, since he has almost nothing good to say about communism at all. He does say that, after all, it did "modernise" the Soviet Union, but he does not argue this with much forcefulness. His general line is the stock-in-trade of the Central European Comintern in its cups: that Russia was just a dreadful, backward, dirty, drunken place, a sort of huge Port-au-Prince, and the great disaster had been that Russia rather than Germany became the launching-pad for revolution.

I do not really think that this will do. Russia before 1914 was not so backward; and communism, after all, went through some sort of Stalinist phase in *any* country that it touched, whether Russians were

Norman Stone

AGE OF EXTREMES
The Short Twentieth Century, 1914-1991
By Eric Hobsbawm
Michael Joseph, £20

present or not. Hobsbawm is fair-minded, and I wish that he had mentioned the ideological criticisms of communism from the Right, especially Alain Bésançon's *Passé russe, présent soviétique*.

However, Hobsbawm has several notable qualities. He is, in the first place, never petty and unchivalrous. He does not go into hysterics at the notion that the Red threat both provoked Nazism into existence and gave it a model to follow. Ernst Nolte in Germany was famously vilified for saying this. But the Comintern said it, too. Hobsbawm will not waste your time: he just accepts that it was not the Nazis who burnt down the Reichstag, and that big business did not create Hitler.

The communist Hobsbawm survives here and there: for instance, with his assertion that, after all, China is communist, and will one day be the greatest economy, having had, after all, a version of the New Economic Policy that, in the Twenties, caused Lenin's Russia to recover. This may be true. From all sides, we hear that China is booming and turning into some huge Singapore; and there are, as Flaubert noted in *L'Education sentimentale*, bankers who "would pay to be bought". To invert a memorable line of Tennyson: it could very well be that a year in the history of Cathay will quite soon weigh more than a cycle of post-Maastricht "Europe".

It is the failure of communism in Europe that most depresses Hobsbawm. You could, after all, think in 1945 that "capitalism" had had it. Almost anyone with a brain was on the Left, and A. J. P. Taylor famously wrote off the free-marketeers of those days as Jacobites at the court of Saint-Germain. But capitalism survived; and, instead of immiserating everybody, it boomed. Some commentators are inclined to grumble that this was purchased at the expense of "the Third World". Again, Hobsbawm does not waste your time with unnecessary fights over this or that diversion from the rule. Inequality does worry him and he notes that, the less inequality under "capitalism", the more prosperity.

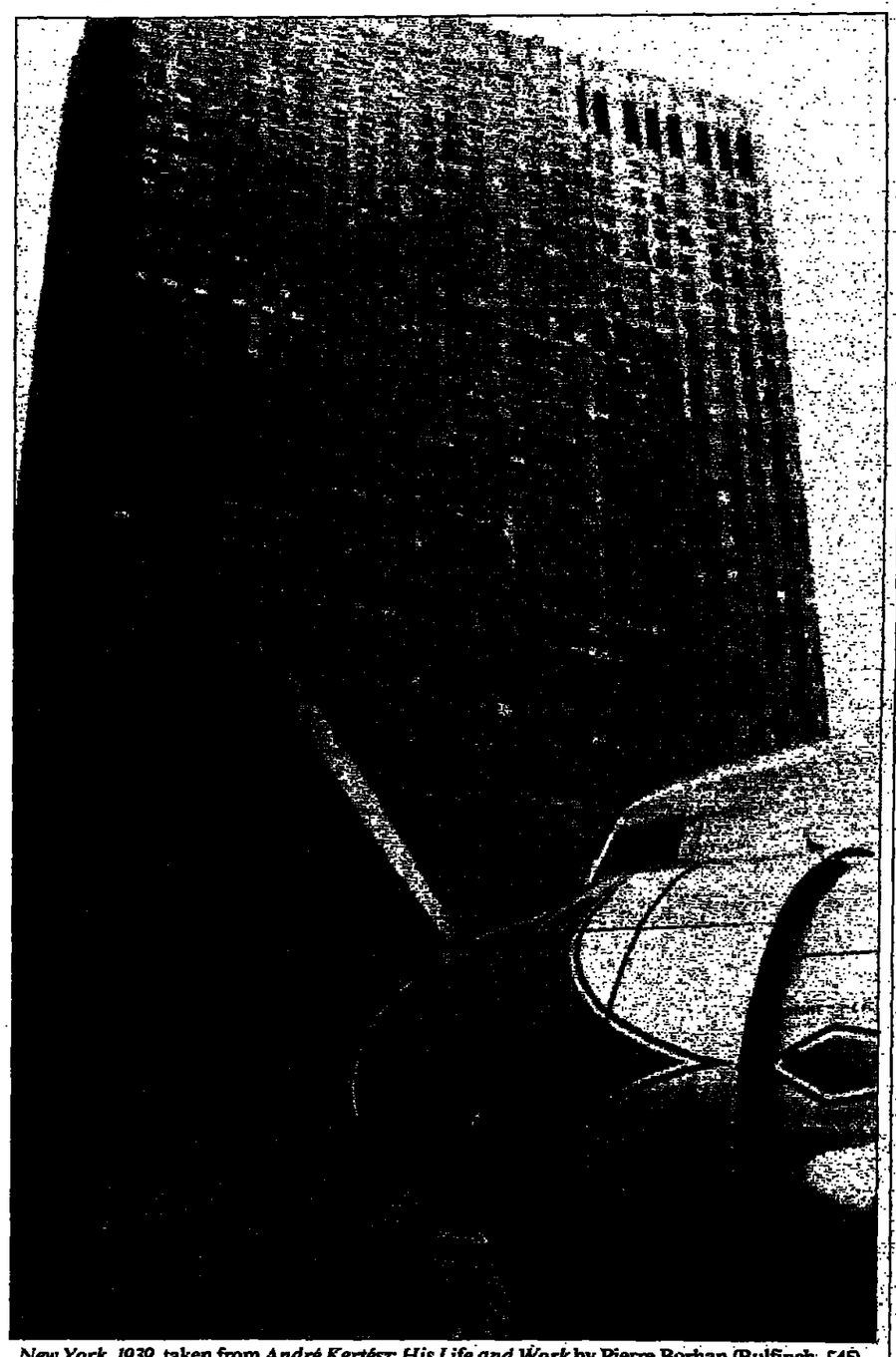
Why, having undergone the 1930s slump, did "capitalism" recover so remarkably? For Hobsbawm this occurred because of Keynes, who sustained demand in the West by state transfers of income to those whose demand needed to be propped up. The resulting boom was such that even the communist leaders ceased to believe in what they were doing.

Hobsbawm talks of "crises" in the 1970s, when "capitalism" did seem to be falling apart. As I go round the main Oxford bookshop, how many books do I see called *Capitalism in Crisis*, or some such thing? In the 1970s, there was "stagflation", a new phenomenon. However, is "crisis" the right description for this? In comparison with the 1930s, economic troubles in the West have been small.

And is Keynes really the saviour? In the days when Europe boomed, were we not just returning to the patterns of the later 19th century, before the first German war wrecked it all? From 1860 to 1900, the world moved from horse and cart to aircraft — a quantum leap greater than the post-1947 boom. Then, as after 1947, convertibility of money, Anglo-Saxon foreign investment, free trade, endless free and skilled labour from the countryside or elsewhere, and entrepreneurs whom the State encouraged all combined to promote the progressive world. Yes, the State has a role, not altogether accurately known as "Keynesian". But is it not true that, the more "Keynesian" the policy, the slower the growth rate?

Hobsbawm notes that growth rates themselves cause social problems. But do we really need to talk of "capitalism in crisis" to explain this? That money corrupts is a story as old as the Bible. Money by itself lasts the four generations of a *Buddenbrooks* saga: the 20th century has moved from stingy Protestant patriarch, via insider-dealing and aesthetics, to divorces, rock-music and Aids.

What was extraordinary about communism was that it had the social and moral crisis without having made the money in the first place. It became a caricature of "capitalism", and was even kept going by Armand Hammers and Robert Maxwells and subsidised American farmers, who presented it with grain that it could not produce for itself. It cannot be right just to blame this mess on the nature of old Russia.


New York, 1939, taken from *André Kertész: His Life and Work* by Pierre Borhan (Bulfinch, £45). Kertész's delicate composition unites two exactly coeval symbols of the 20th century: the Wright brothers first flew in 1903; the Flatiron Building, New York's first skyscraper, dates from 1902

Put away childish things

HEBREW has no grammatical equivalent of the English present continuous tense. So it is only during the course of an English lesson that Aron, the pre-pubescent protagonist of David Grossman's third novel, *The Book of Intimate Grammar*, understands the thrilling possibilities of language. Here is a way to stop time, to live "safe in a bubble of the present continuous". From that day on, Aron begins to seal himself off from his future. Grossman has created an engrossing fantasy world for his lonely child hero.

The novel unfolds within a small Ashkenazi community in the Jerusalem suburbs in the mid-1960s. War is brewing with the Arabs, but Aron's family are for the moment more concerned about their plans for their only son's bar mitzvah. Mama Kleinfeld is determined that the family will outshine their neighbours on that day. Their happiness would be complete if only Aron could look and act like a normal boy of his age.

Aron lives within the body of a child which refuses to manifest any signs of maturing, as well as failing to fulfil its digestive functions. Like a detective, he monitors the threatening appearance of hair, of Adam's apples, of deep voices in his

Natasha Fairweather

THE BOOK OF INTIMATE GRAMMAR
By David Grossman
Jonathan Cape, 14.99

contemporaries. And yet Aron is sophisticated in his thinking and as unsettlingly articulate as any philosopher of semantics. As a child he was the unchallenged clown of the class and a gang-leader, but with the arrival of adolescence his friends begin to outgrow both him and his foolery.

Grossman has, in the course of his ten-year career, established himself as one of the foremost writers to have emerged from Israel. But he has not earned this reputation by being indulgent towards his readers. Grossman has grappled with the painful issues which lie at the psychological centre of the state of Israel — the Holocaust and the Arab-Israeli conflict — with the scrutiny of a moralist. He has experimented with both form and structure, at times breaking into a luxuriant freestyle prose.

Translated by Betsy Rosenberg, *The Book of Intimate Grammar* has been promoted as his most accessible work. It certainly takes a more conventional form and a less overtly political theme than earlier works. And yet it is not an easy novel to read, for it is as depressing as it is dazzling and profound.

A CONSUMMATE wordsmith himself, Grossman dramatises the limitations of words. Aron, suffering from the growing pains of a body that will not grow, finds that language isolates rather than communicates: "words had come to be utterly inward, whispering a grammar so intimate and tortuous they could never break forth into light." And if families cannot talk to one another directly, what hope have neighbours or friends?

The Book of Intimate Grammar has its moments of levity. The description of a recalcitrant bar mitzvah boy goaded by his parents' intrusively intimate guests is a wonderful piece of satire. The food war between Mama Kleinfeld and her rival for the affections of her husband is an appetite-whetting encounter, rich with Yiddish idiom. And Aron's last hope of salvation, when he falls jubilantly in love with little Yaeli, brings a welcome respite from his inevitable descent into self-mutilation and misery.

Mystery man inside an enigma

I used to wonder what it was about Ryszard Kapuściński's writing that so captivated Western reviewers in general and other journalists in particular. Could it be his eye for the all-telling detail? Possibly — but there are many reporters who can paint convincing pen-portraits. Or, I thought, perhaps it could be his propensity to get into scrapes in foreign wars and revolutions? But there are many journalists who, even if they will not admit it, like covering wars and revolutions for the thrill and the kudos they bring. So perhaps it was Kapuściński's choice of subjects?

He made his name in the West with reports from the Third World, each a study in tyranny, squalor and suffering: *The Football War* (about Latin America), *Shah of Shahs* (about Iran), *Another Day of Life* and *The Emperor* (about Africa). Certainly, the public, both in Kapuściński's native Poland and in the West, was tickled by the assumption that in describing the Byzantine customs at the court of Haile Selassie, he was really hitting out against the tyranny of General Jaruzelski.

It was often hinted that by describing how such transgressions lead to revolutions in the Third World, he was covertly predicting and even advocating revolution in his homeland. But then, books, however brave, about far away countries whose names we can barely spell — whether in Africa or Eastern Europe — rarely become as popular as his.

Radek Sikorski

IMPERIUM
By Ryszard Kapuściński
Granta, £14.99


Kapuściński: moral quality

In fact, it is not Kapuściński's perceptiveness, nor the inherent drama of what he describes, nor the importance of the countries he deals with that make him special, but a moral quality which permeates his writing, a quality which most of his colleagues wish they still had. At a certain level of professionalism, the difference between good writing and greatness ceases to be the difference in craft and begins to reflect what kind of person the writer is. Kapuściński doesn't really report; he mingles with his subjects, so it's difficult to tell where Kapuściński ends and the people he writes about begin. This is a gift that can't be faked: to write with empathy, one has to have a deep reverence for the tragic in the human condition. It is this that makes Kapuściński more than just a good reporter.

Imperium brings this quality forth to an unusual degree, perhaps because the subject is so personal. After several years of travels Kapuściński has tried to embrace, understand and predict the future of a whole civilisation — Russia. His very first encounter with the empire, in a small town in Eastern Poland in 1939, when the Red Army attacked Poland at the same time as Nazi Germany, quickly inoculated him against the sillier Western notions about that country. In the purge which followed the attack — which he describes from the point of view of a schoolboy — about a million Poles, including many of his teachers and neighbours, were packed into cattle trucks for extermination in Siberia.

Little wonder that, like Solzhenitsyn, but unlike most Westerners visiting Russia, Kapuściński makes pilgrimages not to the Bolshoi theatre but to Kolyma and Vorkuta, the Auschwitz and Dachau of the Soviet Union. The horror of Russia — be it the death camps, the ecological catastrophes or the terrorising megalomania of Moscow — is made all the more tangible because Kapuściński came within a whisker of being sucked into it himself.

Similarly, it takes an East European, with an East European's obsession with history, to carry off Kapuściński's brilliant story of the destruction of the Church of Christ the Saviour, destined to become a classic of Kapuściński's own brand of historically pregnant reportage. It was the largest church in Moscow, built by the Tsars in thanksgiving for the victory over Napoleon. Stalin had it pulled down, eventually to give way to an open-air municipal swimming pool. It is as if Ken Livingstone had turned St Paul's into a golf course, or Mrs Thatcher had made Westminster Abbey into a tennis court. Later, Kapuściński takes part in a frightening ultra-nationalist ritual in another church, in Irkutsk, recently converted back from a Museum of Atheism.

These kinds of stories tell readers more about Russia's national character and current quandaries than dozens of scholarly theses, let alone Foreign Office or State Department briefing papers. Kapuściński says that he is an optimist about Russia, but most of his impressions and arguments suggest otherwise. As ever, Russia's poor soil, her undefined borders, and the potential wealth of her minerals combine to make the state strong and the people weak. *Imperium* will be read with equal benefit by diplomatists, historians, politicians and tourists. It is Kapuściński's best book, and damned well timed too.

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Anatomy of a melancholy Jacobite

Peter Ackroyd hails an acute study of Dr Johnson as a High Tory fighting a rearguard action for classicism

The received image of Samuel Johnson, characteristically kicking the stone in defiance of Berkeley's idealist theories, has been that of the brusque and overtly sensible Englishman. Of course those who have penetrated a little deeper beneath the carapace know of his melancholy torments and his eccentric demeanour. Now Jonathan Clark has penetrated further still and reconstructed a young man who was a Nonjuror and Jacobite, a rebel against the established Hanoverian order who may have only barely escaped arrest or imprisonment.

But there are other forms of politics — "cultural politics", as the subtitle of this fascinating book suggests, being of immediate consequence in the case of Johnson himself. The continuing battle between the "Ancients" and the "Moderns", for example, was as rancorous as anything between the Whigs and Tories; Clark locates Johnson in an 18th-century variant of the dispute by citing his attachment to an "Anglo-Latin" rather than a "vernacular" tradition.

His education was classical and, as Clark explains, he considered himself in his early years "as a scholar rather than a vernacular author". But this has wider ramifications, concerning the true nature of imagination and imitation, of memory and inspiration. A man of genius, in the classical tradition, need not be "original" or "inspired" in the Romantic sense; he might be deeply imitative, and imbued with the literature of past ages.

That is why we may be able to find here the true source of Johnson's Jacobite sympathies, in the allegiance to some sacred authority beyond both the demands of the moment and the claims of expediency; but it is also intimately related to his own sense of himself as a writer. He seems always to have wanted to be an author of some sort; but, as one of his first biographers put it, "either in the way of original composition, or translation, or in editing the works of celebrated authors".

The point here is that Johnson did not consider "original composition" to be intrinsically superior to any other form of writing. This may come as a surprise to those contemporary writers and journalists who consider the barbaric yawns of demotic literature to be the sole criterion of excellence; but such ignorance is only another indication of how far we have come from what Clark calls the "Anglo-Latin" tradition. It would be hard for any critic now to debate the contest between "Ancient" and "Modern" because so little is known about either. If you do not understand what is truly "Ancient", then you are not in a position to comprehend what is truly "Modern".

Of course such an attitude has, in the person of Samuel Johnson, certain social and political connotations. He was a "High Tory" in the sense that he understood his culture in terms of its relationship to the past — in literary terms it could even be said that, for him contemporary society was an "imitation" or "translation" of an idealised past. His was also a culture which, because of its medium of Latin, had some connection with the idea of

SAMUEL JOHNSON
Literature, religion and English cultural politics from the Restoration to Romanticism
By J.C.D. Clark
Cambridge University Press, £30 / £12.95 pbk

European learning; that is why he was implacably opposed to religious dissent and radical populism. They were, for him, far too provincial.

But his was a culture, and a cause, which by the mid-18th century was almost certainly lost. In an illuminating aside, Clark goes on to consider Johnson's *Life of Mr Richard Savage* as in part a lamentation for that loss of authority and of inheritance: "This moral drama of rejection and disinheritance was the tragedy of the House of Stuart, of Richard Savage, and ultimately of Johnson himself." It also represented the destruction of thosepolitical values commonly known as civic humanism — in that sense, Clark's study of the literature of the period parallels John Barrell's investigation of 18th-century painting. They are both describing a distinctively English past which has now almost entirely passed out of the national memory.

Yet Johnson tried to salvage all that could be rescued. His *Lives of the Poets* is seen by Clark as a fruitful but doomed attempt to reinstate an "Anglo-Latin" order, of which Pope and Dryden were the great exemplars within English poetry; the *Dictionary* itself was begun a few days after the final defeat of the Stuarts at Culloden, and represent his attempt to rescue or maintain what he called "wells of English undefiled".

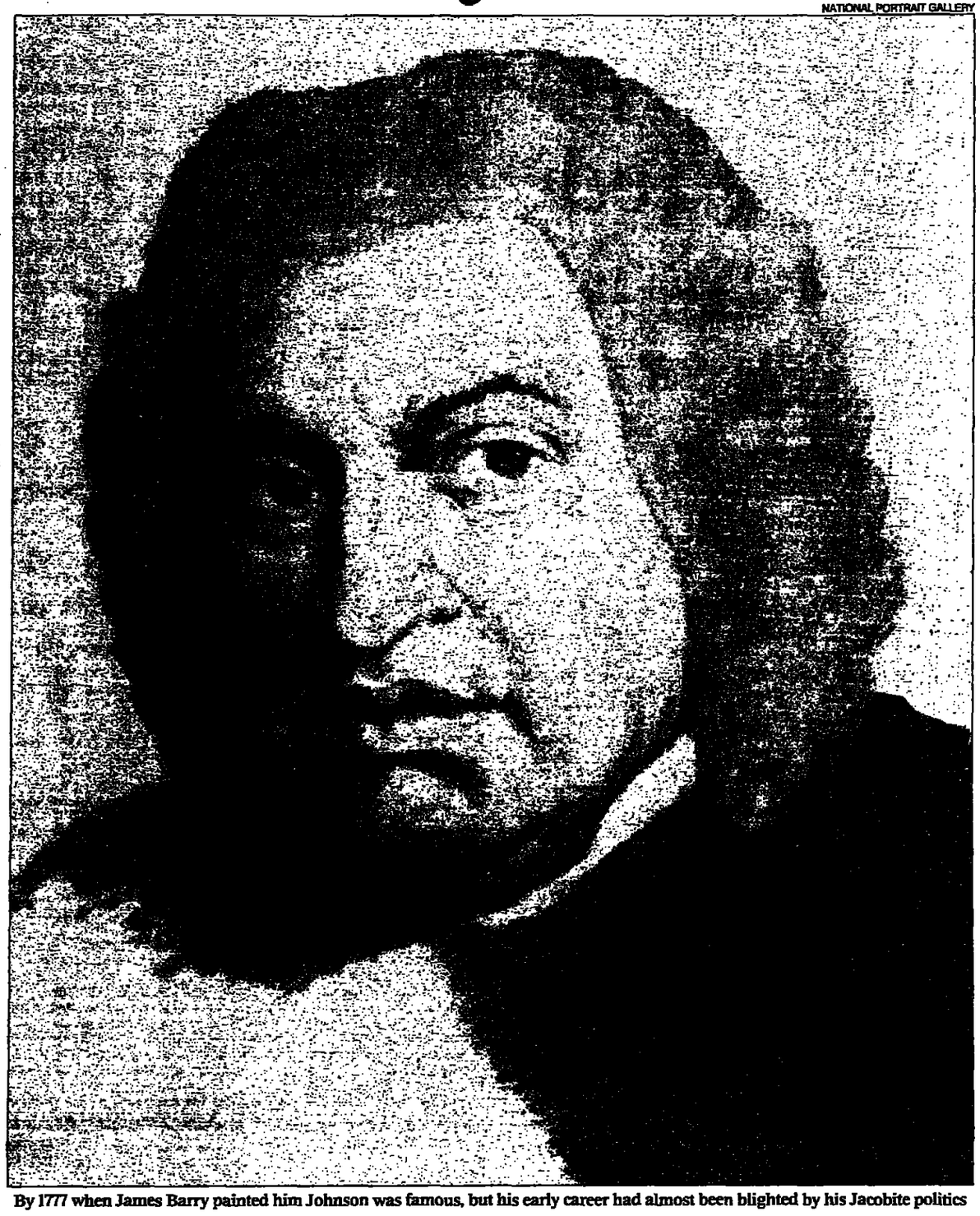
His project was all the more urgent because at the same time a contrary tradition was being constructed, or at least reconstructed. Bishop Percy, Wharton and others were concerned to establish a body of vernacular literature which had its roots in ballad and what was known as "Ancient English Poetry". It was in part an antiquarian pursuit, but there was hidden within it a political attachment to indigenous or "democratic" culture, as well as native "Saxon" freedom of expression. Many of the great antiquarians were themselves radicals or dissenters — some of them later supported the Revolution in France — and Johnson's distaste for dissent of any kind was intimately related to his hostility towards bardic or native literature. Classical authority, in all its guises, was being destroyed.

His literary and political attitudes, however, were not held by him without cost. He never received the preferment which he believed he deserved; neither his scholarship nor his intelligence could weigh the balance against the fact that he remained a "Nonjuror". Clark points out that he did not graduate from Oxford because he refused to take the Oath of Allegiance to the Hanoverian usurper. As Clark puts it, his was from the beginning "a career frustrated". Johnson could make no progress within church or university, and Clark's account of his early life is thoroughly convincing. His first London friends (including Savage himself) were stridently Jacobite, and his early anonymous pamphlets reflected such attitudes. Clark even goes on tentatively to suggest that he might have been in danger of being arrested for treason at the time of Charles Stuart's abortive invasion. Perhaps he escaped prosecution only because of his anonymity.

He survived to become the great arbiter of English letters; but, despite the fact that he eventually accepted a pension from Lord Bute, it is not at all clear that he ever renounced his Jacobite sympathies. In one of the best passages in the narrative, Clark describes how his journey to the Western Isles was essentially a project of "pilgrimage" and "expiation" for the fallen royal house.

This is an extraordinarily acute book. It suggests, with others of its kind, that intellectual history may soon take the place of fiction and biography as the single most important form of English prose.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY



By 1777 when James Barry painted him Johnson was famous, but his early career had almost been blighted by his Jacobite politics

Ageless but not quite an innocent



The young Edith Wharton: dark enclaves of privacy

Rachel Cusk

NO GIFTS FROM CHANCE
A Biography of Edith Wharton
By Shari Benstock
Hamish Hamilton, £20

For a well documented life, Edith Wharton's *still possesses some* alluring ellipses, dark enclaves of privacy in which commentators may wander and speculate. The passions of her prose find only intermittent reflection in what we know of her heart. The mistrustful gaze with which critics tend to look upon the *quality of imagination* strains to see mathematical configurations which may determine the psychology of its author.

Wharton's recesses, however, seem particularly hard to penetrate. Or at least, once there, the realisation that her intellect ruled every *impulse* and vagrant desire, dominated all considerations of background and supplanted the future her upbringing implied with ruthless literary productivity, gives an ultimate impression of inner exclusivity.

Wharton's biographers seem to agree that there *must* be more, and in the search for it curiosity runs the risk of overtaking rigour. Did Edith Wharton have orgasms? Shari Benstock says that she did, and can cite a passage to prove it. While many may breathe a sigh of relief at the news, one can't *help feeling that* the science of sexuality is overreaching itself in offering its condescensions to the past. "These scenes of passion raise real questions about [Wharton's] supposed naiveté and sexual repression," deduces Benstock, considering the question of Wharton's affair in her forties, with the journalist Morton Fullerton, from which the aforementioned orgasms, along with a collection of touching and graphic love poems, arose. "One wonders how a woman who apparently had spent 25 years in a sexless marriage could find the *savoir-faire* to carry through such an encounter."

Presumably she carried it through with the same *savoir-faire* as she had employed in writing *The House of Mirth* four years earlier, and with considerably less strain on her genius; for Wharton's repression seems to have been more intellectual than physical, a fierce resistance to the dominance of love. "I am a little humbled," she wrote in her diary, in the first consciousness of her love for Fullerton, "a little ashamed, to find how poor a thing I am, how the personality I had moulded into such strong, firm lines has crumbled into a pinch of ashes in this flame! Oh my free, proud, secure soul, where are you. *What were you* to escape me like this?"

No Gifts from Chance is certainly a competent look at a complex woman, but — despite the discovery of new "evidence", some of it in the form of Wharton's many letters to Morton Fullerton — it *suffers from the* lack of a genuinely fresh perspective and, more seriously, from the excellence of R.W.B. Lewis's 1975 biography, which has left little unmapped terrain.

Benstock is no critic of Wharton's art, and although she makes much of reforming Lewis's conjectures — many of them admittedly cloudy — on the precise dates of Wharton's affair with Fullerton and the frequency and form of their liaisons, she has little that is *new to say about her work*. There are alarming imbalances of commentary on the day-to-day events of her life which suggest a certain intermittent shyness of approach to its more established regions. Wharton's illnesses, for example, and even those of the outermost reaches of her acquaintance, are relentlessly documented, with scarcely a cold allowed to pass unmentioned.

Wharton's first encounter with Henry James, however — the friendship she described as "the pride and honour of my life" — is revealed in passing *long after it has occurred*, while his influence on her work is dismissed as a "critical convention" and his death barely merits a paragraph.

Benstock's possible discomfort with her own assessment of Wharton's writing has the advantage of pressing her to cite its wider, contemporary critical reception, and she adorns her skeletal critiques with some often very amusing ravings and fumings from the press. "One would imagine," proclaimed one local newspaper of Wharton's first book, *The Greater Inclination*, "... that the author must have suffered and gone deep into life in order to bring up from its depths such knowledge of the world as is disclosed in her pages. And yet this is far from being the case."

Later in her life, after she had written *The Custom of the Country* and *The Age of Innocence*, surely two of the era's greater novels, one reviewer announced that she was "now equal to Scott Fitzgerald", then in his mid-twenties. A rejection by a London publisher of her early book, *The Decoration of Houses*, is also included: "It may go down in America but in this country *certainly not*."

The customary confusion over the discovery of *Beatrice Palmato*, an unpublished late fragment in which is described a scene of luxurious incest and which *again submits* Wharton to an ordeal in the psychiatrist's chair, is dealt with rather firmly by Benstock. It is here that we see her ultimate intention to unravel the complexities of Wharton's sexuality. "Some critics claim that Edith was, in fact, the victim of father-daughter incest but [the fragment's] passionate eroticism seems to undercut the likelihood that it was composed by an incest survivor."

It seems rather churlish to demand physical proof of sexual enjoyment from a sensibility which felt its passions so eloquently: "If," Wharton wrote to Fullerton, "wherever you touch me, a heart beats under your touch ... it's because all the words in me seem to have become throbbing pulses, and all my thoughts are a great gold blur." But if one wanted it, as Benstock seems to, one need look no further than her novels. "It is difficult to imagine ... that Edith could have scripted the scene of Beatrice's seduction without *having on some occasion experienced* her own body in similar ways."

Why Waugh wasn't Greene

Piers Paul Read

EVELYN WAUGH
A Biography
By Selina Hastings
Sinclair-Stevenson, £30

How happy Evelyn Waugh would have been to know that his life would one day be written by the daughter of the 15th Earl of Huntingdon. He would also have been pleased with the result. Any Waugh-fatigue among those who have already read the *Letters, Diaries* and two earlier biographies is quickly dissipated.

Lady Selina (Waugh will haunt any reviewer who fails to use her honorary title) writes unusually well, and she is a perfect judge of what the reader will find entertaining, and what he — or more probably she — will find dull. Something of the wit and intelligence of Nancy Mitford, the subject of her last biography, seems to have entered, if not her bloodstream, then the flow of ink from her pen.

Her two stated ambitions are to give an impression of what it was like to know Evelyn Waugh, and "even something of what it was like to be Evelyn Waugh". She succeeds so well in the first that most will be glad they never crossed his path. She has turned up new material covering his early days as the second son of a publisher living in Golders Green which show how the contradictory qualities of the adult were already apparent in the child.

His mother, Kate, tells him that his besetting sin is an unkind tongue; to which Evelyn answers that hers is "a lack of faith in Catholic doctrine". In his bedroom he constructed a shrine peopled with plaster statues of saints. At school he was boisterous, sociable and anxious to excel; but also "a world-weary cynic, crabby with contempt for the foolishness and frailty of men".

That foolishness and frailty were all too apparent in Waugh *himself*. He saw his scholarship to Oxford as "an achievement for which three years of idleness was a well merited reward", and there had homosexuals affairs with handsome contemporaries such as Alastair Graham, the model for Sebastian Flyte in *Brideshead Revisited*. With a cold mother, no sister and an education in a minor public school where, Lady Selina tells us, "many dedicated schoolmasters are homosexual by nature", this was hardly surprising in that class at that time. But it meant that before marrying Waugh had little or no experience of women, "an assumption borne out by his [first] wife's subsequent complaint to a girl friend that Evelyn had been 'bad in bed'."

Any biographer of Waugh starts with the inestimable advantage of his frank and detailed diaries, and his substantial correspondence with some of the wittiest women of his era — Nancy Mitford, Pamela Berry, Diana Cooper and Anne Charteris, married first to Lord Rothermere, then Ian Fleming. There are also the rich incongruities of his personality: he epitomised *those writers who, according* to Julien Benda, "did evil but honoured good".

The culmination, for him, of his honouring of good was his reception into the Roman Catholic Church, a move anticipated by the conversion of his former lover, Alastair Graham. Lady Selina, probably wisely, keeps her distance from his spiritual life, and eschews any kind of psychological speculation.

It is clear that Waugh, like his friend Graham Greene, was not spared temptation after his conversion, nor did he become immune from sin. But where Greene abandoned his innocent Catholic wife to find God in the brothels of the Third World and the boudoir of Catherine Walston, inverting the Church's moral precepts to suit his dissolute behaviour, Waugh escaped to live with his virginal bride Laura in rural seclusion, issuing anathemas worthy of Pius IX against progress, liberalism and the modern world.

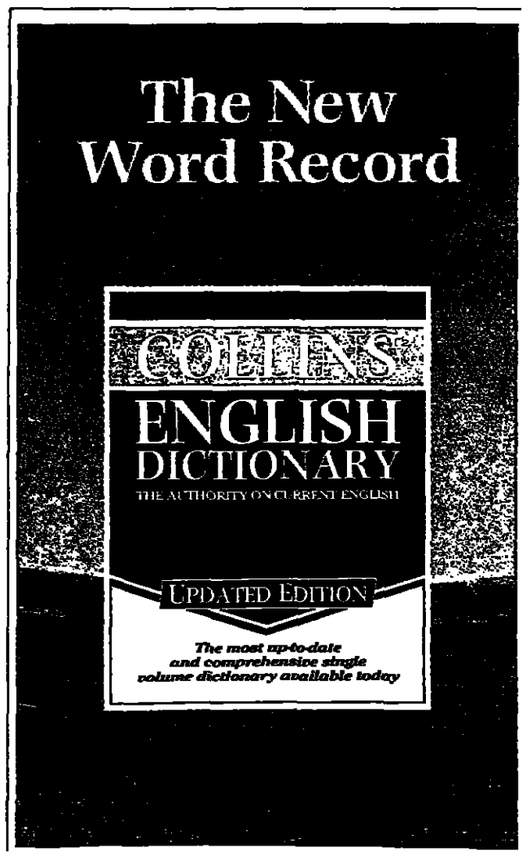
There was undoubtedly a certain amount of posturing behind this role as "a self-appointed grand inquisitor, punitive and puritanical". He berated Kathleen Kennedy, the sister of JFK, for marrying the Marquis of Hartington in an Anglican church; and he refused to sit down at dinner next to the mistress of the film producer, Alexander Korda. But he actually invited Graham Greene to stay with Catherine Walston, albeit when Laura was away; in return for which Greene also compromised his principles by bringing his black tie.

The abrasiveness of Waugh's snobbery in socialist post-war Britain is smoothed over by Lady Selina, who herself moves with ease among his titled friends. Some readers may not realise that "Henry Bath" was the Marquis, or that Waugh's friends Patrick Balfour and Patrick Kinross (the 5th Baron) are one and the same man.

However, it is not just posthumous gossip that makes this biography so entertaining. The passages describing Waugh's war experiences are excellent: his experience in Crete destroyed the last of his illusions about human nature.

So are the assessments of his novels, the matching of his friends with the characters, and episodes of his life with the plot. Details of his financial affairs are fascinating for any professional writer, and the treatment of Catholic matters more than adequate.

Waugh sinned more than most, but the melancholy of his last years, aggravated by the changes he witnessed in the Church following Vatican II, was undoubtedly a form of martyrdom that tested his faith to the limit. He did not apostatise. He remained true to his beliefs. If Lady Selina does not wholly succeed in her second stated objective, that of showing what it was like to be Evelyn Waugh, it is because no one can expect to comprehend the mysterious workings of the Grace of God.



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THE CROWN ESTATE

Far from a quaint relic of national heritage, the Crown Estate is a highly successful modern business. **Christopher Warman** reports

Jewels in a landed crown

The Crown Estate has a grand name, which excites public interest particularly when something goes wrong. But most people know little about it, and believe it to be either the personal property of the Queen or owned by the Government.

It is neither. The Estate, one of the most important landed estates in the UK, including substantial urban, rural and marine interests, is part of the hereditary possessions of the sovereign "in right of the Crown", managed by the Crown Estate Commissioners. The net surplus is paid to the Exchequer.



Lord Mansfield

Now a successful and sophisticated business organisation, its traditions sometimes give it an impression of quaintness that concerns the Earl of Mansfield, the First Estate Commissioner (and chairman of the Board of Commissioners which manages the Estate), and his chief executive Christopher Howes (the Second Commissioner).

Lord Mansfield recalls: "When I came to the Estate, in 1985, we realised that we were of interest to the public, but there was literally no-one to talk to the press." He believes it is right for the Estate to have a higher profile, so that its work is better known. "If we were a plc, we would be the third largest property company in the country."

The origins of the Estate, which has almost 300,000 acres of agricultural land in England, Scotland and Wales, making it the largest agricultural landlord in the UK, go back at least to the reign of Edward the Confessor. Until the time of George III, who came to the throne in 1760, the reigning sovereign received its rents and profits.

By then, however, much of the landed asset had wasted away, and by then also rates and taxes had become the prime source of revenue for the country, with executive power wholly vested in Parliament. During George III's time, therefore, an agreement was reached whereby the Crown Lands would be managed on behalf of the government and the surplus revenue would go to the Exchequer. In return the king would receive a fixed annual payment — the Civil List, a system operating ever since.

In 1993-94, the Estate achieved a revenue surplus of £78.9 million, an increase of 6.2 per cent over the previous year, on a turnover of £125.4 million. Even after three years of falling property values, its properties were valued at £1,947 million, an increase of 17.5 per cent.

Lord Mansfield says the strength of the results reflects the wide-ranging nature and quality of the Estate's portfolio. He believes there are "reasonable prospects" of a recovery in rents as the national economy strengthens, but expects only a modest increase in the revenue surplus next year.

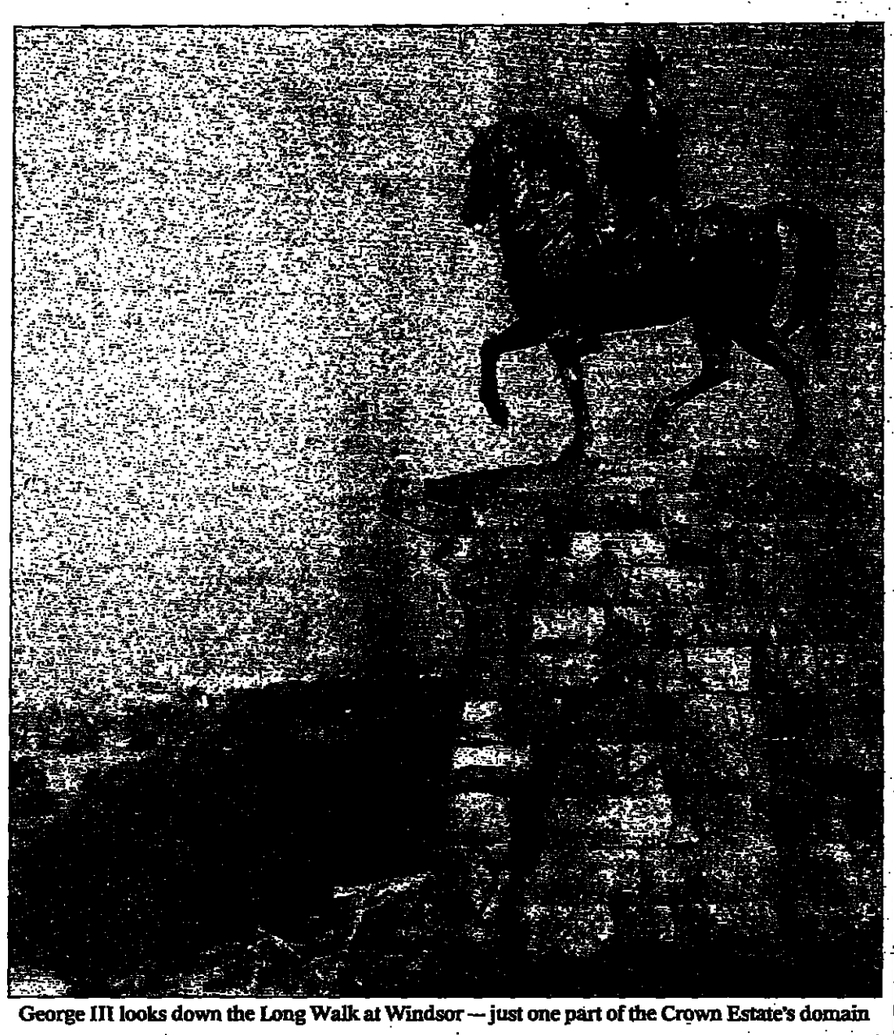
Measures to improve the Estate's performance over the ten years of Lord Mansfield's tenure have been accelerated since Mr Howes, a former land and property director at the Environment Department, was appointed as chief executive in 1989. Tight budgetary control and improved appraisal and information systems have been introduced since then.

The Estate's success can be gauged from a report on its performance by the National Audit Office published in the summer. Not known for being over-generous with praise, the NAO acknowledged that despite the downturn in the property market, the Commissioners had succeeded in enhancing the value of the Estate by some £486 million in real terms to £2,032 million from 1985-1994 — though it did suggest that there was an opportunity for better value for money from its investments.

Mr Howes points out that the Windsor Estate, for example, is run at a deficit. "If we were just an urban property-owning company we would not have that responsibility. As it is we outperform many of the major property companies."

The Estate does not have borrowing powers, which is both a constraint on its activity and a good discipline. It resisted the temptation to invest in Docklands, and in 1990 took the decision to introduce a moratorium on development.

In its ownership are more than 1,000 listed buildings, with 750 in London alone. Of that total 48 per cent are Grade I listed, compared with a national average of 2 per cent. "It is essential that properties of this importance are cared for in the most appropriate manner. This must be weighed against the commercial aspects of any management decision," Mr Howes says.



George III looks down the Long Walk at Windsor — just one part of the Crown Estate's domain

The many lives of Windsor

Forests, farms and gardens form a flourishing 13,000-acre asset

The Windsor estate is no longer the private domain of the Sovereign, but the royal tradition remains through the Duke of Edinburgh's role as Ranger of Windsor Great Park, Christopher Warman writes.

The 13,000-acre estate, which excludes Windsor Castle, comprises the Great Park and extensive forests, farms and gardens. Indeed the Windsor Forest, covering 6,700 acres, is the largest stretch of uninterrupted woodland in the South of England.

Run as a commercial forest enterprise, it now produces a sustainable timber harvest of around 20,000 tons annually. Although primarily a conifer forest, there are large areas of oak woodland, providing valuable wildlife habitats, and half of the forest is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

In 1991, 3,000 acres of the forest were opened to the public as part of a joint project with Bracknell Forest Borough Council's heritage centre, and nature trails, rides and an orienteering course are mapped out, enabling far greater public access.

Among the rare or endangered species at Windsor is the violet click beetle; and the estate contains more than one-third of the nation's population of mandarin ducks, and an important colony of breeding sparrowhawks.

The estate also includes the Valley Garden, covering 400 acres and containing the largest collection of rhododendron species in the world, and the smaller Savill Garden, begun in 1932, with many rare species, including primulas, hostas and roses.

Evidence that the Crown Estate is now fully in the competitive world is shown by the garden department, which exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show last year for the first time since 1974, with a collection of rhododendrons, azaleas and hostas, duly winning a gold medal.

Within the Great Park, Queen Anne's Ride, an avenue of limes and oaks first planted in 1720, has been overhauled, replacing the many dead and dying trees over a length of about 1.5 miles. Since 1979 the Great Park has been home to a red deer herd, a project initiated by the Duke of Edinburgh, which produces a modest income through the sale of breeding stock.

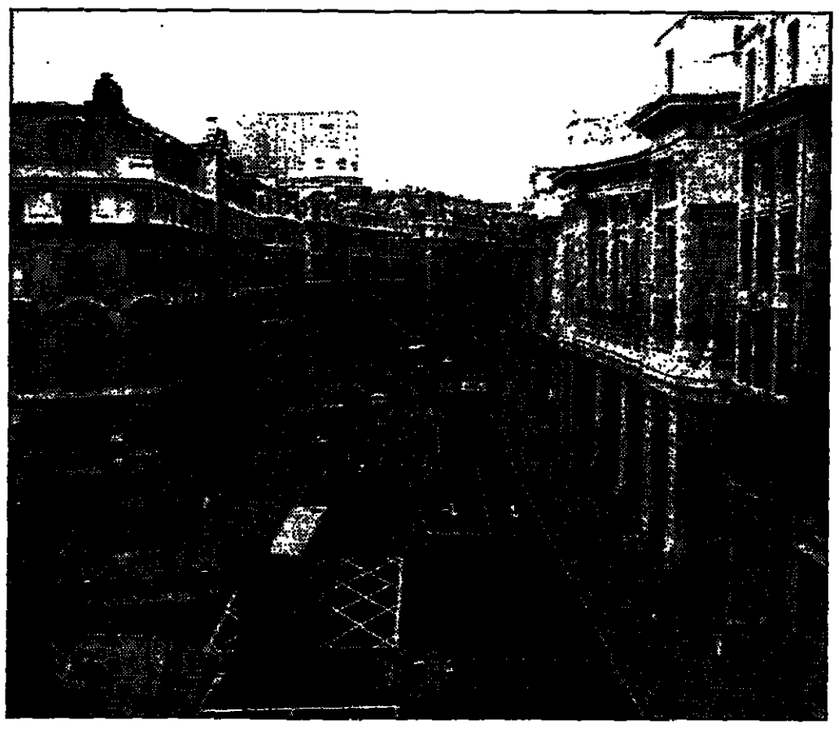
The Windsor estate is managed by a team of 200 staff, mainly park wardens, gardeners and foresters, out of a total Crown Estate staff of more than 500.

One of the mainstays of the Crown Estate is the Scottish estate, ranging from commercial property to fish farming, and including nearly 100,000 acres of land on the agriculture and forestry estates, of which Glenlivet in Banffshire is the largest at more than 57,700 acres. To encourage diversification in this Highland estate, the Glenlivet project includes a mix of agriculture, forestry, sport and tourism. A redundant farmhouse and outbuildings have been converted into a centre for producing leather goods, while another redundant farm building has been turned into a real ale brewery. One example of the variety of opportunities is the training of chainsaw operators, in co-operation with Moray District Council. Some 250 long-term unemployed people have so far benefited from this training, with genuine job prospects.

The Glenlivet estate has received awards for diversification of agricultural land and for its woodlands.

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Shopping for tenants

John Grigsby on a retail revival in John Nash's Regent Street, where high quality stores set the tone

Has any property development team in history shown less promise than the Prince Regent and his architect John Nash? The Regent executed his scheme for the refurbishment of Carlton House Terrace and a grand processional way to his new summer villa in the fields of Marylebone amid constant, bitter battles with Parliament for funds. Nash, the poor millwright's son, was the former bankrupt who had mysteriously become rich, according to rumour, by marrying one of the Regent's mistresses.

Yet together they managed not only to create a uniquely coherent piece of architecture and town planning, but to found commercial bases which 150 years on are among the mainstays of the Crown Estate.

While Regent Street is the commercial jewel in the Crown Estate, Regent's Park is one of the most coveted residential areas in Europe. Both, in their different ways, are adapting their management to the commercial realities of the 1990s.

At the turn of the century, Nash's 1826 Regent Street was pulled down amid public controversy to meet modern needs. A century later, the recession appeared to threaten it as a shopping centre. Only 18 months ago, nearly 19 per cent of the 1.2 million sq ft of shopping space was vacant. There was a fear that, apart from its flagship stores, it faced the danger of becoming almost down-at-heel.

However, the opening earlier this month of a new 25,000 sq ft store for Warner Brothers, with other new tenants, demonstrates a resurgence. Vacancy rates are down to 5 per cent. L'Odeon, the French restaurant, has taken 15,000 sq ft on the first floor of the biggest single blot on the commercial landscape, the former British Airways offices at 65-67 and 73-81.

The Estate, the sole freeholder, has been helped in its efforts because many of the leases granted 80-100 years ago are falling in. It has been able to choose suitable new tenants.

Reiss, the menswear store, and Crabtree & Evelyn are examples both of the sort of tenant — paying rents related to their turnover — and of the shopfront which the Estate wishes to present to the shopper.

As part of its improvement drive, two years ago the Estate spent £3 million on new street furniture. Tarmac was replaced by York stone and new bus shelters and lamp-posts were put up. "The Regent Street Association was very pleased, and we work quite closely with it in our mutual interest," says David Murray, its deputy chief executive.

The street's retail mix is gradually but perceptibly changing. The airline offices are tending to move out into Conduit Street and other side streets. South Africa Airways' building at 251-255 Oxford Street is the latest on the market. Meanwhile, French Connection, the clothing firm, has moved into a building which used to be a bank, typifying the changes. John Dawson of Hillier Parker, the agents who took over the street's management two years ago, says of the new store: "They have done a super job of shopfitting. It is very lively and looks good on the street."

Opposite, the ugly 1960s mosaic front of Dickins & Jones has been removed as part of a complete refurbishment. Walking down the street, Mr Dawson points to an illuminated sign better suited to the Tottenham Court Road. "If they want to change their shopfronts they will now have to comply with the guidelines we have laid down with English Heritage and Westminster City Council."

Recently, Boodle & Dunthorne, Racing Green and Church's Shoes have joined the long-established names such as Liberty, Austin Reed, Aquascutum, Dickins & Jones, Garrards, Hamleys, Jaeger, Mappin & Webb and Waterford Wedgwood. Levi Strauss will soon open one of its new showroom operations. In the meantime, the west side is improving in order to compete with the traditionally fashionable east side.


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Regent Street got new bus shelters in a £3 million facelift two years ago

Mal Dillon, asset manager responsible for the West End, says: "There is no question of forcing tenants out. We do believe, however, that airlines, building societies and banks tend to give the street a dead look and can often do as well on the first floor as they can at street level."

Describing Regent Street, Mr Murray concludes: "It is possibly unique for a landowner to own an entire city centre street, both sides. We manage it as if it was one complete shopping mall."

A mile further north, the Regent's Park estate faces a different challenge. A contemporary at its construction, Maria Edgeworth, was indignant at the "plaister statues and horrid useless domes and pediments crowded with mock sculpture figures which damp and smoke must destroy in a season or two". The useless domes and pediments are still there, although Hitler's bombs nearly triumphed where the London atmosphere failed. The war left two-thirds of the houses damaged or derelict. One of the problems now facing the Estate is undoing some of the hasty repair work carried out after the war.

The Estate pursues a controversial policy of raising ground rents in line with the market, but Anthony Bickmore, the asset manager, argues that it is required to obtain the best return for the public. People who could pay for a lease 20 or 30 years ago, but who cannot afford the new ground rents, often feel affronted.

He admits: "There is a problem about how to deal with people sympathetically and to make sure that the ongoing estate is managed. A lot of the properties can fall into disrepair and we have to deal with our tenants in a sensitive way and not come across as draconian landlords."

Where possible, they try to find more modest properties on the estate for tenants who cannot afford the new rents. Mr Bickmore says: "We do have battles with those who like the idea of living in a Nash terrace, but would really rather do so with a Sky satellite dish bolted onto the front. We, as 'draconian landlords', object to that."

He adds: "There are all sorts of bits and pieces which we have to be terribly careful about in the context of not keeping it as a time warp, but in the context of managing an important bit of the national heritage."

A portfolio in London is a strength but when conditions are less buoyant it could cause difficulties

Expansion away from London

THE URBAN ESTATE is spreading out from its traditional London heartland. Although its commercial property is still heavily concentrated in the south, it has property in Scotland and has its eyes on the Midlands.

David Murray, deputy chief executive (property), says: "The commission is looking to diversify so that we get a wider spread of investments across geographic areas and different uses. We have been looking particularly at out of town food and non-food retailing.

"In the past, the concentration of our portfolio in London has been quite a strength but when conditions have been less buoyant it could cause difficulties."

With a value of £1.5 billion, the urban estate accounts for more than three quarters of the total capital value of the Crown Estates.

Until the 1980s virtually all the holdings were concentrated within Central London in the West End, St James's, Regent's Park, Kensington, Millbank and the City. Other holdings were in and around the capital.

Over the past 15 years the commercial property portfolio outside London has been expanded and is now valued at £282 million, about a fifth of the urban estate.

The Crown Estate is still one of the largest land owners in London with more than 8 million sq ft of office space, 2½ million sq ft of retail space and more than 1 million sq ft of miscellaneous property including hotels, clubs and residential accommodation.

All revenue from the property goes straight to the Treasury, so the acquisition of property elsewhere has to be funded by reselling existing leases at a premium.

Mr Murray says: "Any capital must come from the existing estate. We do not have any borrowing power. That helps us avoid getting overstretched when the economy is booming. We have to live within our means and maintain good housekeeping."

FOR THE YEAR 1993-94 the urban estate's turnover was £89 million, a rise of 3.7 per cent over the previous year, reflecting the slight upturn in the commercial property market.

Investments outside London include the CrownGate shopping centre in Worcester, warehouses at Leamington Spa and business parks in Oxford and Cambridge.

Finding suitable investments is not easy. During the recession, property owners seeking to sell were reluctant to lower their prices. Now there is a higher turnover in commercial property but prices are rising again.

There were some acquisitions out of London during the year in line with the Estate's investment strategy. The Gallagher retail park and adjoining Sainsbury's food store in Cheltenham was a major £28.25 million purchase. Fully let, this substantial retail complex has a total retail area of 210,000 sq ft.

Although the market for letting is still slow, the Estate has achieved significant lettings in Regent Street, and outside London.

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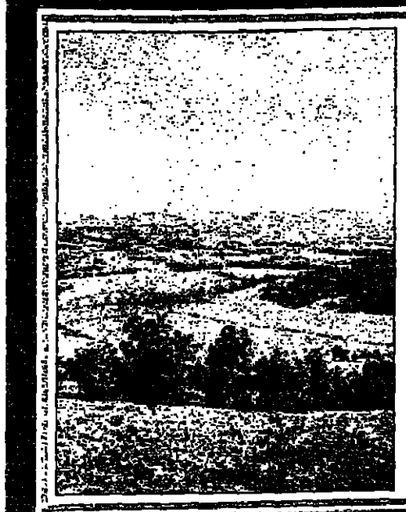


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Down on all the farms

John Young looks at the Estate's work as an agricultural landlord



Children enjoy a visit to a Crown Estate farm — public access and new developments are generally encouraged

As the owner of some 180,000 acres of farmland and forest in England and Wales, and a further 100,000 acres in Scotland, the Crown Estate remains one of the last great agricultural landlords in Britain. In the last financial year its agricultural holdings produced a gross revenue of £11.5 million and a net surplus for the Exchequer of £8.1 million.

In the early years of this century the overwhelming majority of farmers were tenants; since then many have chosen, or been persuaded, to become owner-occupiers, while owners of large private estates have, in many cases, either taken farmland back in hand or have been compelled to sell it off to pay death duties.

The eagerness of financial institutions, such as insurance companies and pension funds, to add farmland to their portfolios in the 1960s and 1970s has largely subsided since it became clear that the land would not retain its inflated value and that the returns were, by their standards, inadequate. But like the defence ministry and the National Trust, the Estate is committed to earning an income from its ownership and thus perpetuating the traditional landlord and tenant system.

Its oldest holdings comprise the ancient royal forests and hunting grounds which date back to Edward the Confessor and his Norman successors. From the 18th century onwards it has pursued a policy of consolidating and rationalising its properties by buying — and occasionally selling — on the open market, notably during the agricultural depression of the 1920s and 1930s but also as recently as 18 months ago, when it acquired some 10,000 acres from Norwich Union.

Its 650 current tenants cultivate everything from 60-acre smallholdings to large arable and hill livestock farms of 2,000 acres and more, but the average ranges from 200 to 600 acres. Each tenant is expected to supply his own working capital, but the Estate will frequently provide capital for long-term improvements which increase the value of the land and buildings.

Overall management is in the hands of local firms of chartered surveyors, known as Receivers, who maintain regular contact with the tenants and who in turn are answerable to the Estate's agricultural business group in London. "We are very keen to encourage long-term stability and, wherever possible, for tenancies to remain within the family," Robin Mulholland, the group manager, emphasises.

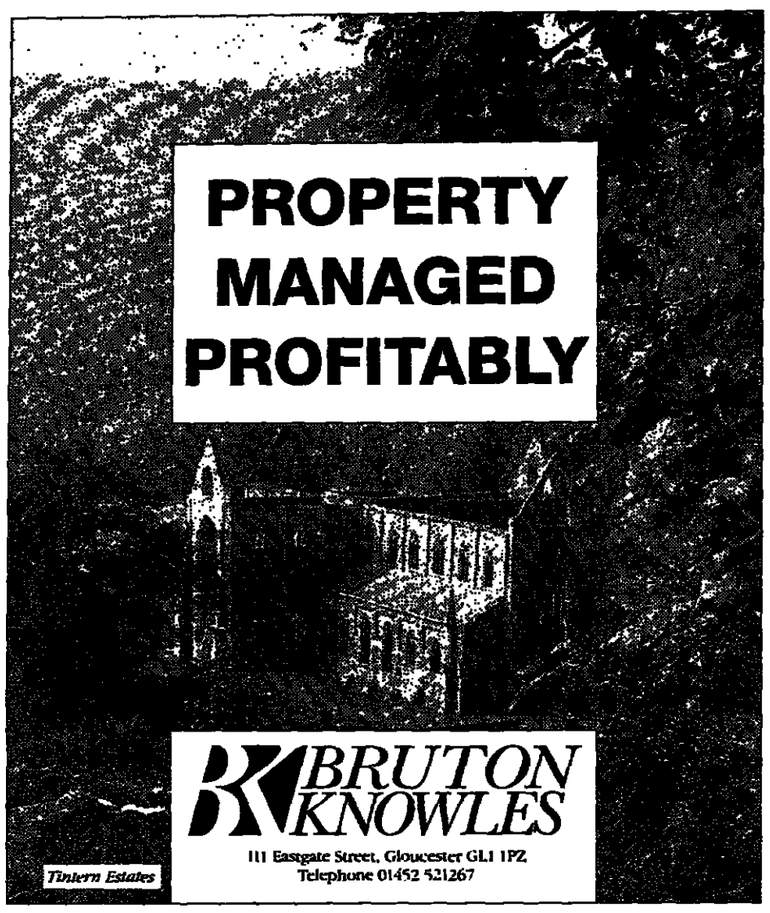
"If there are no successor rights we let a farm on the open market unless it is too small, in which case we will try to restructure by dividing it between adjacent tenants," he adds. "When letting we have to consider whether it is large enough and productive enough to remain viable for the foreseeable future.

"Given the opportunity we will buy good land and sell poor. But we aim to look at the long-term potential. The Crown Estate is not in the position of speculating in land for short-term profit."

The Estate's own landholdings include numbers of castles and ancient monuments, which it is happy to entrust to the care of English Heritage as it does not have the staff or expertise to manage them as tourist attractions. Unlike some private landowners, it no longer owns whole estate villages, but it has retained some village properties and has also taken a lead in making land available for low-cost housing; three new schemes have recently been completed at Bryanston, in Dorset, Billingborough in Lincolnshire, and Gopsall in Leicestershire.

In general the Estate is happy to consider new developments on its land, provided both it and the planning authorities consider them to be appropriate. In efforts to promote its green image, the Estate has made a number of management agreements with conservationist bodies and has instituted an annual award to encourage tenants to adopt environmentally sensitive farming practices. In 1992 more than 22,000 acres of saltmarsh and seabed in the Wash were leased to English Nature to create England's largest national nature reserve.

It has also made an exception to its policy of not getting involved in the "heritage" business by managing the Laxton estate, in Nottinghamshire, the only surviving example of the medieval open field farming system in Europe, for tourism as well as for agriculture.



Owner of the sea bed

The Estate has wide responsibilities along the coastline of Britain

Holidaymakers strolling along the beach at low tide may not know it, but they are probably treading on Crown property. Despite various gifts and sales down the centuries, the Crown Estate still owns just over half the foreshore between high and low tide, half the estuary and tidal river beds and all the sea bed out to the 12 mile territorial limit.

Frank Parrish, business manager for marine estates, says: "The coastline we own forms a highly fragmented pattern and the reasons are largely historical. For example, parts of the South West and North West are owned by the Duchy of Cornwall and the Duchy of Lancaster. Some areas are held by manorial estates, and harbours were sold to ports in the 19th century. Some resorts such as Blackpool and Bournemouth also acquired their own foreshore in the heyday of the 19th century."

> 'We have to maintain and enhance the coastline and get a proper return from it'

The estate generally does not sell the freehold of the foreshore except in a few exceptional circumstances. Instead, it has granted more than 2,000 leases or licences. The largest leaseholders are local authorities, ports and harbours, and conservation authorities such as English Nature, the National Trust and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Mr Parrish says: "The result is that we own less of the developed areas and more of the still open coastline. However, we are still very much a commercial operation under the same terms of the Crown Estate Act as other parts of the business. We have to maintain and enhance the coastline and get a proper return from it."

That return does not include coal, oil and gas reserves, which were nationalised during and after the Second World War and compensation was received. Nor does the Crown Estate own public rights such as navigation and fishing in tidal waters.

Revenue for the marine estate has risen steadily over the past six years to £14.7 million in 1993-94. It receives more than half of its income from dredging. There are about 80 licences for the extraction of sand and gravel, mainly off the east coast, off the south coast between Littlehampton and the Isle of Wight, and in the Bristol Channel. More than 20 million tons is extracted each year.

Mr Parrish says: "There is a much greater awareness of the need to manage coastal areas generally. The whole picture is very different from ten years ago. There is now a greater knowledge of the potential impact of dredging."

Where rival interests such as dredging and fisheries clash, the estate talks to the parties involved to see if an accommodation can be reached. He stresses that the Crown Estate does not have the power to grant or refuse dredging licences. While the estate can offer information and advice on an application, it is for government departments to give the go ahead to a project. The estate does, however, monitor the work to ensure that conditions in licences are complied with, using state-of-the-art computer equipment.

Income from pipes and cables on the sea bed currently accounts for about 19 per cent of the estate's earnings. The estate has reached agreement with oil and gas producers and telecomunications companies on a standard method of charging for the right to cross Crown marine land.

Leisure use is still a comparatively small earner for the estate but Mr Parrish says: "Recreational use has grown over the past 50 years, and in particular there has been a massive growth in the number of moorings and recreational craft. We do not control the placing of moorings. That is mainly done by harbour and local authorities."

But, after years on the planning boards, Haslar Marina at Gosport in Hampshire, has now opened with all 600 berths full, and in the same county a new lease has been granted to the county council for a sport and recreation facility at Calshot Spit, a landmark site on Southampton Water.

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Cricketers give aid to injured after riot at stadium

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AT LEAST 60 people were injured, some seriously, as the result of a crowd stampede at the one-day cricket international between Pakistan and Australia in Gujranwala yesterday. Police fired tear-gas to disperse a crowd outside the stadium after rocks and bottles were thrown.

Witnesses said that between 2,000 and 3,000 would-be spectators smashed the gates of the Jinnah Stadium in an attempt to get inside to watch a match that was later abandoned because of a rain-damaged pitch.

Hundreds of people, including children, were trampled underfoot and the situation worsened when about 150 policemen armed with batons and sticks charged the crowd.

Some players, including Steve Waugh, Gavin Robertson and Shane Warne, of Australia, and Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed and Wasim Akram, of Pakistan, tried to help the injured.

The Australian team's physiotherapist, Errol Alcott, was seen resuscitating several injured people. "I have never seen anything like this before," Robertson said.

The injured, some of them with twisted ankles and badly bruised ribs and necks, were taken to nearby clinics and others received first aid from Alcott and his Pakistani counterpart, Atif Rauf.

Jinnah Stadium will be one of the venues for the 1996 World Cup. Yesterday's events will be reported to the International Cricket Council (ICC) by the match referee, John Reid, of New Zealand.

After the game was called off, the teams agreed to play an exhibition match of 15 overs a side to calm spectators.

This was the second instance of crowd trouble during the triangular tournament. Australian and South African officials complained after projectiles and firecrackers were thrown at fielders during their match at Peshawar.

☐ Dave Houghton, the Worcestershire coach, may be left out of the Zimbabwe team to tour Australia this winter because he is not available for the whole visit.

☐ New Zealand's opening match in the Indian triangular one-day tournament, against West Indies in Goa, was abandoned after a thunderstorm.

SCORES: West Indies 123 (39.1 overs, Hart 5-22). New Zealand 25-1 (9 overs). Match abandoned

Game against Western Australia split into quarters

England step into the unknown

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PERTH

IN CRICKETING terms the Australians are neophiliacs. No sooner have they crossed one state line than they are pressing towards another. Day-night games, floodlights and white balls are now thoroughly assimilated, if not old hat. Now they are embarking on a game of four quarters.

England's second game on tour, a day-nighter at the WACA against Western Australia, will be divided into four lots of 25 overs as each team divides its innings into two. It sounds barmy and, until proved otherwise, it is barmy. As Michael Atherton said, "It seems to be tinkering just for the sake of it."

As the England captain is not fully aware of the rules of engagement, it could be said that his team is not taking this contest too seriously. The mood, expressed by M. J. K. Smith, the tour manager, on the party's arrival last week and amplified by Atherton, is simply this: we accepted the fixture when the winter plans were put to the Test and

ENGLAND: M A Atherton, G A Gooch, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, C White, S J Rhodes, P A J DeFreitas, D Gough, D E Malcolm, P C R Tufnell.

County Cricket Board so we have to get on with it.

They have played "quarters" cricket in Western Australia at junior level for a year or two, to keep children interested. One suspects the dead hand of commercial forces is at work. "Make it sexy" is the cry. They might be better off to observe the adage: "Don't give the public what it wants, it deserves much better."

For as long as cricket has been played, whatever the pitch, toss or personnel, an innings has been an entity, complete in itself. To divide it into two is absurd, and to do so in the name of breaking down barriers is fraudulent. You are more likely to break down the goodwill of cricket-lovers who remain interested, albeit in a less discriminating way, in the one-day game.

On an autumn morning at Lord's, the toss is important, as teams asked to bat first in the NatWest Trophy final can attest. In the early Australian summer, when a game starts at 1.30pm, there is no obvious reason for splitting a game four ways other than to make it more "user friendly". As Gertrude Stein could have told the Western Australians, a toss is a toss is a toss.

It is as if the Royal Shakespeare Company, fearful that young people were not "tuning in" to Shakespeare, decided to follow the first two acts of *Pericles* with the final act of *Hats Off for Mrs Fothergill*, or the London Symphony Orchestra, worried about audience appeal, performed a work borrowing *familiar* movements from four different symphonies and ended with a big bang.

In the absence of Alec Stewart, who will miss the first two first-class games of the tour with a broken finger, Graham Gooch will open the innings with Atherton. There are first games on the tour for John Crawley, Craig White, Devon Malcolm and Phil Tufnell.

After the seven-wicket victory over the Chairman's XI on Tuesday it would be pleasant to maintain winning ways, but this is not the most important game England will be involved in this winter, far from it.

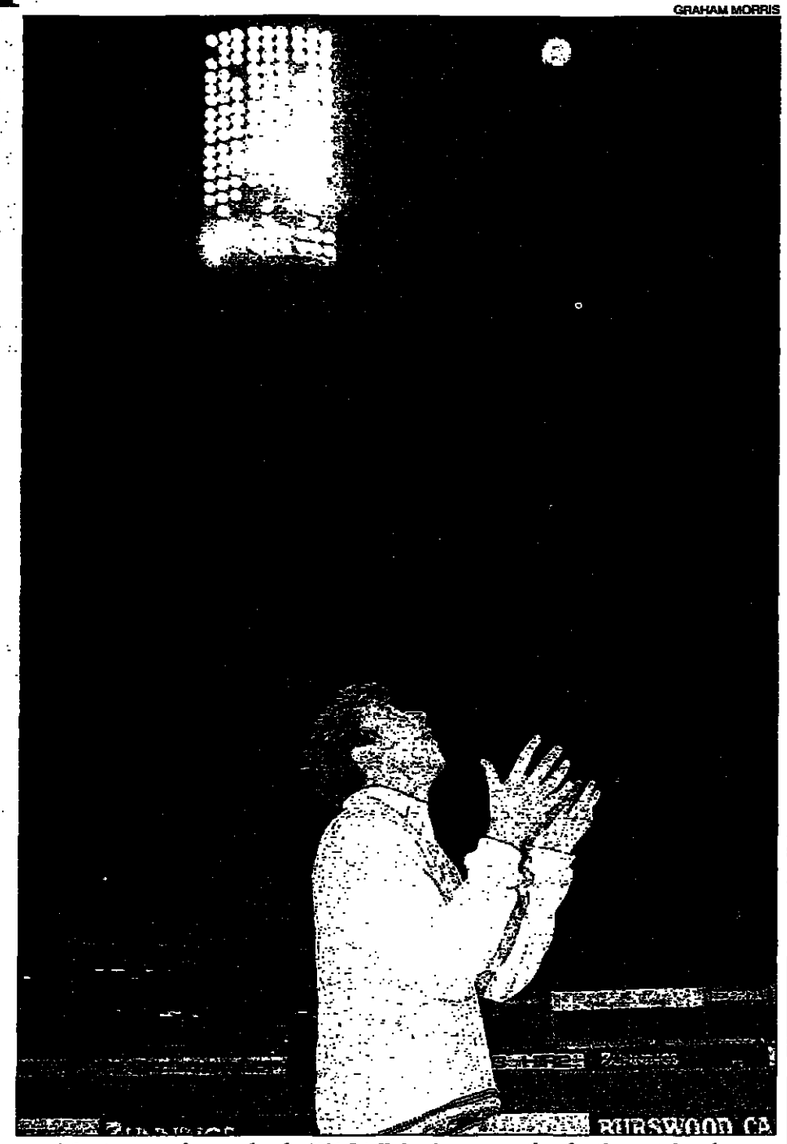
Nor was the tour opener, a fact acknowledged by Dennis Lillee, though it did not prevent the great Australian fast bowler from giving Darren Gough a glowing reference. "You can't tell a guy's future in Test cricket on ten overs at Lilac Hill, but first impressions are often the most important ones and I was very impressed," Lillee said, having seen the Yorkshireman take five wickets.

"He doesn't have a long run-up but he still generates fair pace and good rhythm. I've heard that Richie Benaud saw Gough last year and told Ray Illingworth he was a good one for the future. On this evidence I would say Richie is on the mark."

Off the field, England have already got their signals crossed. Having ordered a "video nasty" from Channel 9, to remind them of the dangers of Shane Warne and Tim May, England received instead a pot-pourri of action from Australia's recent series in England and against South Africa last winter. The players, who had hoped to learn something about the art of the leg spinner, will learn little from studying the 45-minute tape.

There are times when one wonders exactly what a tour manager does to earn his keep. Smith, who has been so invisible this past week he makes the Scarlet Pimpernel look like Prince Charles, should surely have arranged for the appropriate tapes to be available to the players. Just what does he do on tour, other than arrange the baggage?

GRAHAM MORRIS



Atherton practises under the WACA lights in preparation for the match today

Sri Lanka fight to dominate

SRI Lanka, inspired by Hashan Tillekeratne, worked hard to take the upper hand on the first day of the third and final Test match against Zimbabwe in Harare yesterday.

They reached 248 for four by the close, with Tillekeratne unbeaten on 63 and the captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, on 25. The pair, who came together after the tea interval, put on 56 for the fifth wicket.

The best stand of the day belonged to the openers, Roshan Mahanama and Asanka Gurusinha, who put on 64. Both fell to rash strokes, Mahanama not getting over the ball and skying a catch to cover for 24 and Gurusinha slashing at Dave Brain and edging to second slip.

Sanath Ranatunga, a century-maker in the first two Tests, also fell to an injudicious stroke, hitting a full toss straight to Guy Whittal at short square leg for 43.

Sanath Ranatunga became the leg spinner, Paul Strang's, first Test wicket on his debut. Aravinda de Silva threatened by hitting Whittall for four *fours but on 25 he fell to Heath* Streak, caught at first slip by Mark Dekker, having survived a difficult chance off the previous ball to the same fielder.

The first two Tests were drawn.

SRI LANKA: First innings

R S Mahanama c Dekker b Streak	24
A P Gurusinha c A Flower b Brain	54
S Ranatunga c Whittall b Strang	43
H Tillekeratne not out	63
P A de Silva c Dekker b Streak	15
*A Ranatunga not out	25
Extras (lb 6, nb 6, w 2)	14
Total (4 wkts)	248

S Jayasuriya, R Kalpage, H D P K Dharmasena, U C J Vaas, and R Pushpakumara to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-100, 3-149, 4-192

BOWLING: Brain 17-1-57-1, Streak 21-2-62-2, Jarvis 23-10-38-0, Whittall 15-3-45-0, Strang 14-2-40-1

ZIMBABWE: G W Flower, M H Dekker, A D R Campbell, D L Houghton, *A Flower, I W R James, G J Whittall, H H Streak, P Strang, D Brain, M Jarvis

SPORT IN BRIEF

Jordan charged up by Peugeot deal

THE conclusion of negotiations for the two remaining engine deals in the Formula One hierarchy has clarified the positions of leading drivers next season (Oliver Holt writes). Peugeot's announcement that it would be supplying engines *to the ever-improving Jordan team next year seems certain* to persuade motor racing's hottest property, Rubens Barrichello, to stay with the team next season before a possible move to Ferrari in 1996.

The Peugeot announcement signals the end of its ill-fated association with McLaren, and Ronald Dennis, McLaren's managing director, is expected to announce a new partnership with Mercedes tomorrow. *It had been thought* that Heinz-Harald Frentzen, the Sauber driver, would go to McLaren but that has been blocked, and Dennis must now decide whether to employ Martin Brundle for another year.

O'Sullivan tops poll

SNOOKER: Ronnie O'Sullivan, 18, became the youngest recipient of the snooker writers' player-of-the-year award at the annual World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association lunch in London yesterday (Phil Yates writes). O'Sullivan, who said that he was "honoured but surprised", *won the United Kingdom championship and British Open* last season, only his second as a professional.

O'Sullivan narrowly topped the poll ahead of Stephen Hendry, who captured his fourth world title in May and also won three other tournaments. Fergal O'Brien, of Dublin, was named young player of the year.

Brooke receives ban

RUGBY UNION: Zinzan Brooke, the All Black loose forward, was yesterday suspended for two weeks for foul play, less than 24 hours after receiving an award as New *Zealand's outstanding player of the season. Brooke* was suspended for two separate incidents in the first division final between Auckland and North Harbour on October 16. Ben Cronin, the Garryowen No 8, has withdrawn from the Ireland side to play against the United States in Dublin on Saturday week because of a fractured cheek. Gabriel Fulcher, of Cork Constitution, has been called up.

Hampson sidelined

RUGBY LEAGUE: Steve Hampson, the Halifax full back, will be out for up to three months after breaking his arm in the Stones Bitter Championship match at Featherstone Rovers on Tuesday. The former Great Britain international underwent surgery yesterday. Peter Marsland, a Halifax spokesman, said: "Our medical advice is that he will be out of action for three months, but Steve says he'll be back in six weeks. He ought to know because he has had plenty of *experience.*" *Hampson missed three Challenge Cup finals* for Wigan after suffering fractures during the 1980s.

Wang runs in marathon

ATHLETICS: Wang Junxia, of China, the World Cup marathon winner, will run in the Peking Marathon on Sunday along with her compatriot, the world 3,000 metres champion, Qu Yunxia. Wang won the 10,000 metres at last year's world championships in Stuttgart before going on to break the world record by 42 seconds at the national championships. She also broke the world 3,000 metres record twice at the same championships and finished her season by winning the World Cup marathon in Spain.

Fossett heads for record

YACHTING: Steve Fossett and his crew, in the 60ft American trimaran *Lakota*, looked set last night to shatter the round Britain and Ireland sailing record. After speeding past Lizard Point off Cornwall yesterday afternoon at more than 20 knots, Fossett and his British co-skipper, Brian Thompson, appeared on course to complete the 2,000-mile *circumnavigation off Ventnor, Isle of Wight, this morning* within 4½ days, approximately two days inside the previous best time.

SPORTS LETTERS

Simple catch

From Mr. J. H. Shone

Sir, the report of the arrival of England's cricketers in Perth (October 20) refers to the question of "sledging". In broad terms the average reader is unsure whether or not any serious attempt is being made to curb this practice, because the powers that be seem to have ignored the obvious solution.

For nearly all Test matches there is a miniature television camera in one of the stumps together with an extremely sensitive microphone. All that is needed is to relay the output from that microphone to the *match referee* and the radio-television audience. This I am sure will see an end to this practice in a very short time.

Yours, etc.
J.H. SHONE,
Bracken Lodge,
Brookside Close,
Runcton, Chichester.

League fails to provide lead

From Mr. L. Gwyther

Sir, In comparing attitudes and philosophies between rugby league and rugby union (October 19), Simon Barnes *suggested that the union code* would do well to heed lessons given by the professionals who would teach us all a thing or two at last Saturday's rugby league international between Great Britain and Australia.

The outstanding feature of this game was the total dominance of the defensive organisation by each team, which nullified virtually every attempt to play open, attractive, *running rugby. The main* attacking strategy throughout the game was to charge into opponents like an enraged buffalo, making ground by brute force, before hoofing the ball as far upfield as possible after the fifth tackle. Those of us looking for a solution to the current problem in both league and union of how to score tries against an over-organised defence learnt nothing. The one piece of flair, which produced the only try of the game, came from Jonathan Davies, a player who developed his skills in the union code.

Violence is another recurring problem in rugby union but, having seen the behaviour of the Great Britain captain, I am not sure that professionals have much to teach union on this subject, either.

Yours faithfully,
L. GWYTHER,
Horsell,
Gilberts End Lane,
Hanley Castle, Worcester

Mock test

From Mr. I Bullard

Sir, This year the United States were worthy winners of the Solheim Cup but unfortunately 1994 will be remembered more for the behaviour of Dottie Mochrie. If she seeks to be placed in the history of golf, all of those who love the game could assist her. In future, anyone who indulges in a mean-spirited personality on a course should be firmly told not to make a Mochrie of a great game.

Yours faithfully
I BULLARD
10, Ambleside Crescent,
Folly Hill
Farnham, Surrey.

From Mr. B. T. Bailward

Sir, We have grown accustomed to men hugging and kissing one another on the football field. Do we now have to put up with the equally unedifying sight of women golfers in the Solheim Cup slapping hands after every successful shot? Ryder Cup players, please do not copy!

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN BAILWARD,
Moor Farm House,
Hardington Mandeville,
Yeovil, Somerset.

Selling out

From Mr. Paul Denza

Sir, Last Wednesday provided irrefutable proof that football has sold its soul to commerce. More than 3,000 fans were denied access to a magnificent night of European football between Manchester United and Barcelona because the advertising boards were so large they obstructed the view from the first few rows all round the ground.

This is the kind of tawdry stunt that cheapens the game, alienates the fans and may eventually drive them away. Mind you, that is probably the idea, as there would then be more space for advertising.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL DENZA,
85, Redington Road,
NW3

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They must include a daytime telephone number.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0 unless stated): First division: Aston Villa v Notts Forest; Blackburn v Stoke (a) Wigan). Liverpool v Tranmere; Nots Co v Coventry; Shell Utd v Sunderland (at Chesterfield); Wolverhampton v Everton. Second division: Manchester City v Middlesbrough (6.45); Mansfield v Shefl Wed; Oldham v Burnley.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk v Galway (8.0)

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division (7.30): Farnham v Harley Wanney, Godalming and Gld v Westfield, Horley v DCA Basingstoke. Mersham v Cranleigh; Ash v Sandhurst; Ashford T v Peppard.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: 7-Up Trophy: London v Worthing (8.0).

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WORD-WATCHING

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CHEYNE-STOKES
(b) A type of breathing characterised by cycles of respiratory movements consisting of gradual decrease, total cessation, and gradual increase of the respiratory movements, occurring chiefly in coma and in cardiac and cerebral afflictions, eponym from the names of John Cheyne (1777-1836), and William Stokes (1804-78), Irish physician.

EIDOPHUSIKON
(a) A kind of magic lantern showing a series of pictures illustrative of some occurrence, invented by Philip de Loutherberg c. 1780. From the Greek *eidos* form + *phusikon* natural. "De Loutherberg took the theatre for the exhibition of his Eidophusikon. He confined the Eidophusikon for the most part to the exhibition of English landscapes under different conditions of light and shadow."

GAU
(a) A territorial and administrative division of ancient Germany, including several villages or communities; in the Middle Ages, a larger division, over which, under Frankish rule, was placed a graf. The word is a frequent final element of place-names, as Oberammergau. Hence the Nazi *gauleiter* the leader of a district. "Mr Scollop, with his draper's shop, is by way of being the gauleiter of this town."

ANLAUT
(c) The initial sound of a word, from the German *an* on + *laut* sound. "Many philologists distinguish between (1) absolute *Anlaut* and (2) relative *Anlaut*. The first is the position of a sound at the beginning of a phrase, the second is its position at the beginning of a word within a phrase."

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LEGAL NOTICES

BELLINO FASHIONS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 31 October 1994 at 11.00am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on any of the business days prior to the date of the meeting.
Proxies must be returned to Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL (telephone 071 939 3000) by 12 noon on the day before the meeting. Creditors are reminded that original and not faxed proxies are required.
21 October 1994
Dee Doocey Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
no 006162 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
In the Matter of Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners Limited And in the Matter of the Companies Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 26th September 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company from £1,366,166 to nil. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 9th day of November 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholders of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 27th day of October 1994.
Bixby & Waller
48/50 St John Street, London, EC1M 4DP
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No 006757 of 1990
RICHELL LIMITED THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICES TO CREDITORS OF FIRST AND FINAL DIVIDEND
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that a first dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date of proving. The last date for creditors to prove claims in the Liquidation is 30 november 1994. Creditors of the above named Company should send full particulars of their debt or claims to P. Monjack, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co., 35 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF.
DATED THIS 20 DAY OF OCTOBER 1994 P. MONJACK, Liquidator. Under Rule 11.5(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims after the date for proving.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL BROKERAGE LIMITED
The liquidators of Atlantic International Brokerage Limited give notice under the provisions of Rule 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that they intend to make an interim dividend to the unsecured creditors of the company within 4 months of the date of this notice.
Creditors who have not already done so, must send details in writing of any claim against the company to the liquidators John Francis Seden and Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips of Price Waterhouse at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL by 5 December 1994 which is the last day for submitting claims. A creditor who does not make a claim by that date will not be included in the proposed interim distribution.
Dated 21 October 1994
JF Soden, Joint Liquidator.

LONG CONTRACTORS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 18.10 94 R A Segal of A Segal & Co, Albert Chambers, 221 223 Chingford Mount Road, London, E4 8LP was appointed Liquidator of the above company by the Members & Creditors.
Dated: 25.10 94. R A SEGAL, Liquidator.

JPL PLASTICS LIMITED (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntary wound up, are required, on or before the 12th December 1994 to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses if their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, K D Goodman, FCA, of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Limited, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 24th day of October 1994 K D GOODMAN, Liquidator

JACQMAR LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of *the above company*, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 31 October 1994 at 10.30am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and *appoint a liquidation committee.*
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, on any of the business days prior to the date of the meeting.
Proxies must be returned to Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL (telephone 071 939 3000) by 12 noon on the day before the meeting. Creditors are reminded that original and not faxed proxies are required.
21 October 1994
Dee Doocey Director

PARIGI LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, *London SE1 9QL on 31 October* 1994 at 10.00am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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21 October 1994
Dee Doocey Director

SNAP INVESTMENTS PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, SE1 9QL on 31 October 1994 at 12.00am. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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Dee Doocey Director

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Rule 3.2 Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
(for newspaper or London Gazette) H-872/1
Forest Office Limited (In Administrative Receivership) Registered number 2685112 Former company name(s) International Hotel Investors Limited Trading name(s) N/A Nature of business Refurbishment of Pubs and Retail Outlets Trade classification 50 000 Date of appointment of administrative receivers) 18 October 1994 Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s) National Westminster Bank PLC Administrative Receiver/Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos) M.D. Gerrke 2360 P.N. Spratt 6278 Address(es) Price Waterhouse 55-57 High Street Redhill, Surrey

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BEESS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Tortoise House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Beers International Limited by a resolution of the meeting of the company's creditors held on 21 October 1994 DATED this 24th day of October 1994 N J HAMILTON-SMITH, LIQUIDATOR

THE TRICOVILLE GROUP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 31 October 1994 at 12.30am The purposes of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee
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Dee Doocey Director

THE READ SCHOOL, DRAX SEX DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975
THE FOUNDATION OF THE READ SCHOOL, DRAX
Notice is hereby given that an application has been made by the Governing Body of the Read School, Drax to the Secretary of State for Education for an Order Under Section 78 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 to modify the Scheme under which the Foundation of the Read School, Drax is administered so as to allow girls, as well as boys, to be boarders at the Read School, Drax.
A copy of the draft Order and a copy of the Scheme may be inspected at the Bursar's office at the school in normal office hours on Monday to Fridays. Representations on the proposed Order may be made to the Secretary of State by any person within one month from 1st November 1994 and should be sent to Legal Branch, Department for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT.
Signed R. Beattie
Clerk to the Governing Body

The Insolvency Act 1986
C.P.NAVERON LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington FIPA of Population & Aspects, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the Members and Creditors on 20th October 1994
M.R DERRINGTON, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 3.2 NOTICE of appointment of Administrative Receiver
(for newspaper or London Gazette) H-872/1
Forest Gates (Furnishings) Limited (In Administrative Receivership) Registered number 2872258 Former company name(s) N/A Trading name(s) N/A Nature of business Furnishings Trade classification, Trade, Professional, Labour 5500 Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s) 18 October 1994 Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s) National Westminster Bank PLC Administrative Receiver/Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos) M.D. Gerrke 2360 P.N. Spratt 6278 Address(es) Price Waterhouse 55-57 High Street Redhill Surrey

TRICOVILLE HOLDINGS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 31 October 1994 at 11.30am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a Statement of Affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
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21 October 1994
Dee Doocey Director

WATCHCODE LIMITED t/as RESTAURANT RODIN (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) The Insolvency Act 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, S.D. Swaden, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 21st October 1994. Dated this 21st October 1994 S.D SWADEN, FCA, Liquidator.

WATCHCODE LIMITED t/as RESTAURANT RODIN (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) The Insolvency Act 1986
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COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED (Incorporated in Canada)
ONTARIO & QUEBEC RAILWAY COMPANY 5 PER CENT DEBENTURE STOCK 6 PER CENT COMMON STOCK
In preparation for the payment of the half-yearly interest on sums on December 1st next, the debenture stock transfer books will be closed at 3.30 p.m. on November 1st and will be re-opened on December 2nd.
The half-yearly interest on the *common stock* will be paid on December 1st to holders of record on November 1st.
D.B. Read, Deputy Secretary
62-65 Trafalgar Square, London, WC2N 5DY.
October 24th 1994

TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE 071-782 7101/7993 or FAX: 071-782 7827
Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

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Demonstration adds to problems for Queens Park Rangers

Francis escapes supporters' anger

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

SUPPORTERS scuffled with stewards barring their route to the directors' box at Loftus Road on Tuesday night. Earlier, cries of "Sack the board" had punctuated Queens Park Rangers 4-3 Coca-Cola Cup defeat to Manchester City. It was an ugly end to a night of thoroughly entertaining football.

Significantly, nobody was calling for the dismissal of the Rangers manager, Gerry Francis; instead, the supporters saved their ire for the club's owner, Richard Thompson. Never having forgiven Thompson for selling Darren Peacock to Newcastle United last spring, they feel he should either buy some reinforcements or bow out.

Although Rangers occupy a relegation position in the FA Carling Premiership, it is felt by many surrounding the club that without a manager possessing Francis's coaching ability — he has the knack of improving previously run-of-the-mill players virtually beyond recognition — Rangers would long since have been consigned to the Endsleigh Insurance League.

Even so, Francis himself concedes he has reached the end of the road with his present squad and yesterday pledged to rebuild: "Everybody is aware that we do not have great funds for buying players, but it is on the cards I will be exchanging one or two strikers to get competition for places in the areas we need it — defence and midfield," he said.

"I'm fine for forwards. We've got plenty of players capable of scoring, but it is conceding goals that is the problem. David Bardsley is our only specialist right back and Simon Barker and Ian Holloway need cover for their midfield positions."

Arsenal are allegedly greatly enamoured with Les Ferdinand, but Francis insisted his England forward — and possibly the biggest testimony to Francis's knack on the training field — will remain at Loftus Road. Instead, Rangers intend to offer Bradley Allen and Gary Penrice in part-exchange. That will give Kevin Gallen, likened to a young Jimmy Greaves, the chance to concern his scoring potential during an extended run in the first team. Last night, Francis was set to sign Steve Hodge, the Leeds United midfield player, in a £750,000 deal.

A matter of weeks ago, the football rumour-mill was busy with speculation on who was about to replace Brian Horton at Manchester City. That was then. On Sunday night at a dinner in Manchester, Horton, once so tense and tetchy, was a study in relaxation — and no wonder. That win at Loftus Road means City have scored 18 goals in their last five matches and Horton is surely secure.

David Bassett, of Sheffield United, is, like Francis, under pressure. In the wake of some disappointing Endsleigh League first division form, he threatened to sack some of his players "before they get me the sack" and duly made four changes for Tuesday's Coca-Cola Cup tie with Bolton Wanderers at Bramall Lane. Sheffield still lost 2-1, Bolton triumphing in the final minute thanks to an own goal from Andy Scott. Not for the first time this season, booing echoed round Bramall Lane.

Only last week Bassett said: "Maybe I should have got out of here two years ago. Maybe I was wrong to let my heart rule my head and stay."

Bruce Rioch's Bolton, meanwhile, further enhanced their reputation as one of England's foremost Cup sides. On Tuesday, they won without Jason McAteer, their Republic of Ireland midfield player, who is rumoured to be on the brink of joining Blackburn.

However, Rioch — himself high on the shortlist of at least one chairman contemplating dispensing with his manager — played down speculation concerning McAteer's absence saying: "I just rested Jason. He needs a breather."

Chris Armstrong's break from scoring ended as Crystal Palace beat Wimbledon 1-0 in another Coca-Cola Cup tie. Armstrong had not scored against Premiership opposition since the opening day of the season, but remains a £4 million transfer target of Everton. Clearly, Palace's imaginative decision to spend the night before the game at a hotel as the away side in the tie — played at their Selhurst Park stadium, which they share with Wimbledon — paid off.

It was Wimbledon's fifth successive defeat against Premiership opposition, their worst sequence under Joe Kinnear's management, who nevertheless insisted "the spirit is still here".

Ian Rush's 99th and 100th cup goals ensured Liverpool saw off Stoke City 2-1 at Anfield to reach the fourth round. Rush now has 43 in the League Cup in all its guises — six short of the record of Geoff Hurst, of West Ham — and 326 goals for Liverpool in 523 first-team appearances. Mansfield — second-round conquerors of Leeds United — surrendered 2-0 at home to Millwall.

MIKE STEPHENS



Gallen, centre, scores after 13 seconds, the fastest goal of the season so far, for Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road on Tuesday

FA finds grounds for optimism on Europe front

John Goodbody looks ahead to the football tournament in England that will net Uefa a fortune as tickets go on sale to the public

Tickets will today go on sale to the public for the most significant sports event staged in Britain since the 1966 World Cup. In 18 months' time, England will be the venue for the finals of the European football championship, which by most criteria would dwarf any other competition held in these islands.

More than 5,000 media personnel will attend the tournament. At least 130 television stations will cover it. Ticket sales could reach a total of £60 million for the 31 games. Uefa, the sport's European governing body, is guaranteed by its agents, ISL, to receive more than £60 million from sponsorship and television fees.

Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the Football Association, said: "In 1996, football will be 'mega' in this country. It will be in the forefront of people's minds. The game will have a massive promotional exercise."

With England qualifying automatically as hosts, there will be, for the first time in the 36-year history of the event, 16 nations competing. They will play at Wembley, Old Trafford, Elland Road, Villa Park, Anfield, Hillsborough, the City Ground, Nottingham, and St James' Park, Newcastle.

Although the FA will have to spend about £13 million in staging the competition, it still hopes to make a profit of about £5 million, provided it sells all the tickets. The bulk of the profits goes direct to Uefa, from which the FA will get a share.

The FA is largely confined for its separate income to secondary sponsorships, 20 per cent of seat sales and income from the official brochure. The host grounds will market programmes for individual matches.

Glen Kirton, the director of Euro 96, said: "If there is a conflict between the FA making a profit and staging a good tournament, then the priority is a good tournament. One great strength is that we now have a number of fine grounds, as a result of the Taylor report, and also sound administration. We do not need to tell, say Manchester United, how to stage a football match. They know.

Another strength is the traditional interest in the game in this country and its accessibility to many other countries, which also have traditional enthusiasm for the sport.

"What we learnt from the 1994 World Cup in the United States was the importance of marketing: how you get sponsors involved throughout the event. The Americans dressed the city and the grounds with a definitive corporate image. We also learnt the importance of getting enough people working on the event and particularly getting the right people."

The FA has a permanent staff of 16 working on the tournament and a further 12 will be required. However, during the championship itself, about 1,000 people will be needed, apart from police and other security personnel.

Although details of how the public can apply are announced today, £3 million worth of tickets has already been sold to club season ticket-holders and England Travel club members.

The pressure on sales will be to watch England at Wembley, where they play their three group games, beginning with the opening fixture on Saturday, June 8. If they finish top of their pool and continue winning, they will play all their games at the national stadium up to the final on Sunday, June 30. If they finish second, they will play their quarter-final at Anfield and a semi-final at Old Trafford.

Under a "loyalty" system, to buy a ticket for a quarter-final, an applicant must have purchased at least one seat for each of the three group games. Once individuals have applied for quarter-final tickets, they can apply for the semi-final. Only if they have a ticket for a semi-final can they apply for a seat for the final.

Celtic stump up £100,000 fine

BY A CORRESPONDENT

CELTIC have decided to pay the £100,000 fine imposed by the Scottish League after they were found guilty of poaching their manager, Tommy Burns, from Kilmarnock. The cheque is expected to be handed over today.

A club statement yesterday said Celtic had opened discussions with Kilmarnock with a view to "resolving the matter amicably", which suggests that Fergus McCann, the chief executive at Parkhead, is prepared to talk about compensation for the loss of Burns and his assistant, Billy Stark.

"The club has demonstrated, by way of the appeals process, that it is not in agreement with the fine," the statement said. "However, the board unanimously feels that it is best that Celtic comply with the decision of the authorities at this time.

"We feel it is important not to have added pressure for the players and staff as the club approaches several very important matches. The club faces many challenges at this time and is taking dramatic steps forward to ensure long-term stability and future success on and off the park.

"It is important that the club is not distracted in any way from its goal of achieving a successful Celtic Football Club for its supporters."

David Murray, chairman of Rangers, is prepared to keep spending to maintain the club's dominant position in Scottish football. Rangers, champions for the last six seasons, went into the transfer market again on Tuesday to sign Alan McLaren from Heart of Midlothian in a deal valued at £2 million.

Murray took over as chairman in December 1988 and the premier division championship trophy has been at Ibrox since the end of that season.

Yesterday, Murray said the signing of McLaren, 23, a Scottish international defender, was another "statement of intent", adding: "Buying Alan McLaren is another piece in the jigsaw, which includes signing the best Scottish players available to us.

"It also involves getting our batting average down, so to speak. We've not got an old team but as Walter Smith [the manager] and I have said, we are in a period of transition.

"We are slightly vulnerable at this time. We've got so many players out injured and I feel we need Richard Gough back, Trevor Steven back, John Brown back, Alexei Mikhailichenko back and so on. We could do with fielding the same side for eight or ten games because consistency is a big factor."

Dave McPherson returned to Hearts as part of the fee for McLaren, who will make his debut in Sunday's "Old Firm" game against Celtic. McPherson followed Gary Stevens and Steven Pressley, other recent departures from Rangers.

"It was the market which dictated those moves," Murray said. "It decided that we could sell Stevens, sell Pressley and involve McPherson in the McLaren deal," reaffirming that the spending was not about to stop.

"It's all about the team evolving while winning the championship as well, because, let's face it, that's what gives you a passage to the Champions' League."

Leading man returns to role of extra

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN Potter, the hero on Tuesday, was due to return to the substitutes' bench last night for Raith Rovers reserves, just 24 hours after steering the club to its first cup final for 45 years.

The 17-year-old goalkeeper stepped off the bench into the limelight when he helped the first division teamto claim a place in the Scottish Coca-Cola Cup final.

Potter, a Youth Training Scheme signing, was pressed into action after Scott Thomson was ordered off against Airdrie, and saved a penalty from Alan Lawrence to give Raith a 5-4 shoot-out win after a 1-1 draw. He had played only one first-team game before his McDiarmid Park semi-final.

Potter expected to be on the bench for the reserves at Cowdenbeath last night with Raith's recent signing, Ray Allan, playing in goal.

"It's only because Ray is cup-tied that I played [in the semi-final]. I still can't believe it," Potter said.

"I was nervous when I came on after Scott had been sent off. I've been on the bench for all of last season and this season and never been needed. But I didn't feel any pressure with the penalty shoot-out — I've never been on the losing side in five or six in boys' club football."

Jimmy Nicholl's team appeared to be heading for a final against Aberdeen or Celtic thanks to a first-half goal from Ally Graham until the referee, Bill Crombie, dismissed Thomson for handball outside his box after 69 minutes.

The English striker, Steve Cooper, equalised five minutes after Potter had come on for the midfield player, Davie Kirkwood, but after extra time, the score remained level.

Now Raith, who were relegated from the premier division last season, are through to their first Scottish final since 1949.

Nicholl said the success was as sweet as anything he had enjoyed in a career with Manchester United, Rangers and Northern Ireland.

"For me, the spirit we showed against ten men was like the night I played for Northern Ireland when we beat Spain 1-0 in the World Cup after Mal Donaghy was sent off.

"I thought we'd lost our chance when Scott was sent off and I had to throw on Brian — but what a night for him."

For Airdrie it was another night of League Cup frustration. Three years ago they also lost a semi-final on penalties to Dunfermline. The manager, Alex MacDonald, said: "We didn't put him under enough pressure after we equalised and our record shows we just can't beat ten men."

☐ Rab Shannon, the Motherwell player, had his six-match ban halved yesterday by the appeals committee of Uefa, the governing body of football in Europe, which said the penalty was too severe.

Shannon was sent off during a Uefa Cup match against Borussia Dortmund. Motherwell lost 2-0, 3-0 on aggregate, and ended the match with just nine men after Dougie Arnott was also sent off.

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Sacchi ready for salary criticism

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ARRIGO Sacchi was bracing himself for another public outcry yesterday about his stewardship of the Italian national team after revelations about his earnings.

Sacchi, who, as their coach, steered Italy to the final of this year's World Cup in the United States, earned £1.16 million for the year to June 30 and is in line for a £330,000 bonus for taking his country to within a penalty shoot-out of lifting the trophy. The figures make him probably the highest-paid coach in international football.

However, Sacchi's teams have never reproduced the swashbuckling style of his AC Milan side of the late Eighties, whose success earned him the Italy job, and supporters have widely criticised his complex tactics. His salary details were confirmed by the Italian football federation after they had been leaked to a sports newspaper.

Lothar Matthäus, the Bayern Munich captain, yesterday condemned his team-mate, Jean-Pierre Papin, after the French international criticised the club. Papin, who has been hampered by a knee injury and is yet to score in his first season at Bayern after leaving AC Milan, spoke out after being called "a flop" in a leading German newspaper.

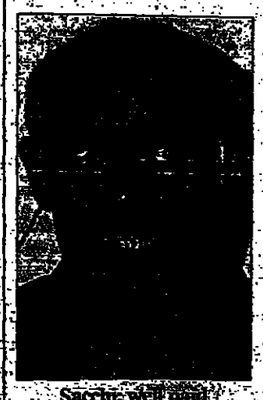
Matthäus accepted Papin could be right when he complained that "certain information is being leaked from inside the club" but he said the striker, who was interviewed in the French sports daily *L'Equipe*, should not resort to the same tactics.

"He's doing the same thing that he's accusing the club of doing," Matthäus said. "He should concentrate on his own problems. He's in the wrong and he should admit it."

The Bayern general manager, Uli Hoeness, however, backed Papin: "I have no problem with what he said because he's right on nearly every point," he said. "The important thing is that he starts playing again." Papin has been recovering from injury.

"I have never experienced this before. In this club, everybody talks about everybody else. There is no solidarity," Papin said. "In France, you never talk badly about teammates. In Italy it is forbidden. You would have been thrown out in Milan for that. We are 20 players, four officials and two doctors. We have to stick together. But the respect for each other is not there."

The Real Madrid coach, Jorge Valdano, has been banned from the bench for a month and fined 663,700 pesetas (about £3,400) by the Spanish football association for playing four foreign players at the same time. Valdano brought on the Slovakia international, Petr Dubovsky, ten minutes from the end of the league match against Santiago de Compostela last Sunday. He was then forced to pull him off two minutes later when he realised the maximum three foreigners allowed were already on the pitch. Madrid were forced to play out the remaining minutes of the 1-1 draw with ten men. Valdano shouldered full responsibility for the mistake, describing it as "a grave error".



Sacchi: will point [illegible]

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Luton 2 Bristol Rovers 2; Wimbledon 0 Southampton 4. League Cup: Bournemouth 3 Exeter 0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Estonia 0 Finland 7 (in Tallinn).

Tuesday's results

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Liverpool 2 Stoke 1, Mansfield 0 Millwall 2; Queens Park Rangers 3 Manchester City 4; Sheffield United 1 Bolton 2; Wimbledon 0 Crystal Palace 1.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 2 Gateshead 3; Yeovil 1 Merthyr 3.

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final: Airdrie 1 Raith 1 (aet, Raith won 5-4 on pens).

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replays: Enfield 4 St Albans City 2; Bromsgrove Rovers 0 Chesham United 1; Aylesbury United 3 Moor Green 1; Worthing 2 Gloucester City 1; Farnborough Town 1 Taunton Town 5; Bashley 2 Chalfont Town 1; Macclesfield Town 0 Bishop Auckland 1 (aet), Holyndge Swifts 3 Nuneaton Borough 2; Worthing 2 Gloucester City 1, Crawley Town 3 Hastings Town 2.

TNT GOLD CUP: Final: Glentoran 1 Crusaders 1 (aet, Glentoran won 3-0 on pens).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 1 Burton 2; Hednesford Town 5 Solihull 0; Leek Town 3 Halesowen 0. Midland division: Buckingham Town 1 Leicester Utd 0; Evesham Utd 1 Bedworth Utd 2; Grantham Town 5 Tamworth 0. Southern division: Ashford Town 1 Burnham 2; Margate 3 Wealdstone 1; Waterlooville 2 Newport (IoW) 0; Weston-super-Mare 1 Worthing Town 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Yeading 0 Marlow 0. First division: Leyton 2 Basingstoke Town 3; Staines Town 3 Whyteleafe 0, Uxbridge 1 Abingdon Town 0. Second division: Aveley 1 Ware 2; Barton Rovers 2 Egham Town 1; Leatherhead 3 Oxford City 1; Thame Utd 1 Hemel Hempstead 2. Third division: Clapton 1 Hornchurch 2; Horsham 3 Cove 1; Lewes 0 Bedford Town 5; Northwood 3 Flackwell Heath 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 0 Marine 3, Gainsborough 2 Droylsden 2; Spennymoor 5 Accrington Stanley 1; Witton 1 Knowsley 1; Whitley Bay 0 Guiseley 1. First division: Atherton L R 0 Gt Harwood Town 2.

FA PREMIER LEAGUE TROPHY (under-19): West Yorkshire 3 Cheshire 3.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Bury 2 Huddersfield Town 0. First round: Carlisle 0 Sunderland 2; Exeter 0 Plymouth 2; Southampton 1 Reading 0.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 0 Ipswich Town 0.

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Grimsby 1 Leicester 3.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Faversham Town 3 Chatham Town 3; Slade Green 0 Kent Police 1.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND FOOTBALL ALLIANCE: Halesowen Harr 0 West Mid Police 2; Hinckley 0 Stratford 0.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Carterton Town 1 Tuffley Rovers 2.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Andover 7 Cowes Sports 1; Bemerton Heath Harlequins 0 Fleet Town 3.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple Town 5 Liskeard Athletic 1.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Halstead Town 3 Harwich and Parkeston 2. First division: Sudbury 3 Brantham 2.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Crowborough Athletic 1 Eastbourne Town 1, Newhaven 0 Shoreham 5; Pagham 3 Wick 3; Southwick 3 Portfield 3; Three Bridges 3 Hailsham Town 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold Town 4 Ashfield Utd 2; Ossett Town 1 Pickering Town 1; Stocksbridge P S 3 Maltby MW 1.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Kempston 0 Newport Pagnell 1, Potton 0 Cogenhoe 1; Spalding 3 Desborough 1, S and L Corby 1 Holbeach 2; Stotfold 4 Stamford 1, Wellingborough 1 Woolton 3.

GERMAN CUP: Third round: Borussia Mönchengladbach 6 Mainz 4; Saarbrücken 1 St Pauli 4; Cologne 2 Dresden 1.

BOXING

MIDDLESBROUGH: World Boxing Organisation bantamweight championship: Alfred Kotey (Ghana, holder) bt Armando Castro (Mex), pts.

BESANÇON, France: European light-heavyweight boxing championship: Fabrice Tiozzo (Fr, holder) bt Maurice Core (GB), rsc 4th rnd.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Brisbane (first day of four): South Australia 139 (C Rackemann 7-43); Queensland 214-2 (M Hayden 80, T Barsby 76).

GOLF

GOLF FOUNDATION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS: Regional qualifying round: Langley Park GC: 246: Dulwich Coll (L Oram 65, P Coward 84, D Abrahams 77). 250: St Columba's. 253: Trinity. Best individual: D Smith (Coopers') 76.

JOHNNIE WALKER RYDER CUP POINTS TABLE: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp) 244,028.50; 2, J M Olazábal (Sp) 138,327.50; 3, I Woosnam (Wales) 129,972.50; 4, D Gilford (Eng) 121,185.00; 5, P-U Johansson (Swe) 114,773.33; 6, C Montgomerie (Scot) 86,585.00; 7, P Fulke (Swe) 85,031.33; 8, B Lane (Eng) 85,055.66; 9, S Torrance (Scot) 84,784.25; 10, M A Jimenez (Sp) 77,733.33; 11, C Rocca (It) 72,398.59; 12, N Faldo (Eng) 71,637.08; 13, B Langer (Ger) 67,382.50; 14, K Eriksson (Swe) 65,240.00; 15, R Claydon (Eng) 64,188.46.

UNITED STATES RYDER CUP POINTS TABLE: 1, L Roberts 424,000; 2, C Pavin 402,500; 3, T Lehman 372,500; 4, P Mickelson 329,864; 5, F Zoeller 300,000; 6, T Kite 278,250; 7, R Estes 231,667; 8, J Cook 228,500; 9, B Faxon 222,500; 10, M Springer 216,364, 11, J Maggert 211,893; 12, S Hoch 189,125; 13, H Irwin 186,500; 14, M McCumber 189,167; equal 15, F Couples and S Lowery 177,500.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Surbiton 2 England Under-21 3.

REAL TENNIS

FRENCH OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP: C Bray and M Gooding (GB) bt J Snow and M Devine 6-3, 6-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Featherstone 14 Halifax 22. Second division: Dewsbury 30 Swinton 4.

REGAL TROPHY: First round draw: Barrow v Nottingham City; Batley v Queens; Bramley v Mystons; Carlisle v Dudley Hill; Dewsbury v Catalan; Highfield v Overdale; Huddersfield v Blackpool Gladiators; Hull Kingston Rovers v Hansingham; Hunslet v St Esteve; Keighley Cougars v Chorley Borough; Leigh v Leigh Miners; London Broncos v Hemel Hempstead; Rochdale Hornets v Wolston, Rydale York v West Hull; Swinton v Saddleworth Rangers; Whitehaven v Thatto Heath. Ties to be played on November 26 and 27.

RUGBY UNION

KUALA LUMPUR: Asian World Cup qualifying tournament

Group A

Japan	97	Malaysia	9
Taiwan	25	Sri Lanka	9

Standings: Group A: Japan 6pts; Taiwan 4; Malaysia 2; Sri Lanka 0. Group B: South Korea 4; Hong Kong 2; Thailand 2; Singapore 0.

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University 30 Bedford 13; Oxford University 47 Northampton 13; Cross Keys 32 Swansea 10; Glamorgan Wndrs 13 Newbridge 18; Mountain Ash 12 Cardiff 36.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Belfast Royal Academy 17 Royal School, Dungannon 13.

TABLE TENNIS

LIÈGE: European League: Belgium 4 England 0 (Belgium names first: J Saive bt M Syed 21-17, 18-21, 21-18; P Saive bt C Prean 21-18, 21-19; A Podpanka bt A Cooke 21-12, 19-21, 21-15; J and P Saive bt Prean and Cooke 10-21, 22-20, 21-17).

TENNIS

ESSEN: Women's tournament: First round: S Hack (Ger) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; J Kruger (SA) bt M Babel (Ger) 6-7, 6-2, 3-1 (ret); A Carlsson (Swe) bt J Heiard (Fr) 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; E Reinach (SA) bt L Neiland (Lat) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; B Schultz (Hol) bt P Kamstra (Hol) 7-5, 5-3; J Novotna (Cz) bt B Rittner (Ger) 7-5, 6-4.

STOCKHOLM: Men's tournament: First round: P Reiter (Aus) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 7-6, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt P Korda (Cz) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(4). Second round: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt G Forget (Fr) 7-6, 6-2; A Boetsch (Fr) bt T Muster (Austria) 7-5, 6-1; A Gaudenzi (It) bt R Krajicek (Hol) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; B Becker (Ger) bt R Reneberg (US) 7-6, 6-1; P Sampras (US) bt D Vacek (Cz) 7-6, 6-1; S Bruguera (Sp) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-4, 7-6; T Martin (US) bt D Wheaton (US) 6-5, 6-3, 6-3; M Rosset (Switz) bt C Bergstrom (Swe) 6-4, 6-4; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 6-2, 2-6, 7-6; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt J Apell (Swe) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4; M Stich (Ger) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

BASINGSTOKE: LTA Autumn satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: Semi-finals: P Hand bt A Richardson 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; G Henderson bt T Spinks 6-2, 6-2.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,740pts; 2, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 3,317; 3, M Stich (Ger) 3,188; 4, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,727; 5, S Edberg (Swe) 2,697; 6, B Becker (Ger) 2,533; 7, M Chang (US) 2,468; 8, A Agassi (US) 2,417; 9, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,361; 10, T Martin (US) 2,312; 11, W Ferreira (SA) 2,115; 12, A Medvedev (Ukr) 2,080; 13, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 1,961; 14, J Courier (US) 1,909; 15, M Rosset (Switz) 1,882; 16, T Muster (Austria) 1,616; 17, M Gustafsson (Swe) 1,378; 18, R Krajicek (Hol) 1,364; 19, P Korda (Cz) 1,317; 20, C Costa (Sp) 1,294. British: 86, J Bates 495; 101, M Petchey 476; 165, T Henman 281; 190, C Wilkinson 217; 248, R Matheson 145; 288, N Gould 132; 289, A Foster 130; 293, M Maclagan 118; 295, G Henderson 117; 313, Danny Sapsford 108.

WTA RANKINGS: 1, S Graf (Ger) 2; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 3, C Martinez (Sp); 4, J Novotna (Cz); 5, M Navratilova (US); 6, M Pierce (Fr); 7, L Davenport (US); 8, K Date (Japan); 9, G Sabatini (Arg); 10, N Zvereva (Belo); 11, M Maleeva (Bul); 12, M J Fernandez (US); 13, A Huber (Ger); 14, A Frazier (US); 15, A Coetzer (SA); 16, L McNeil (US); 17, Z Garrison-Jackson (US); 18, S Hack (Ger); 19, I Majoli (Cro); 20, I Gorodchalegui (Arg).

VOLLEYBALL

BRAZIL: Women's world championships: Second round (in São Paulo): Japan 3, Ukraine 0; Russia 3 Czech Republic 1; Germany 3 Azerbaijan 1; South Korea 3 Holland 1. Sweeping match (in Belo Horizonte): Brazil 3 China 0; Cuba 3 United States 0.

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Johnston builds Arab patronage

FROM RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

THE Australian dream has lured more than its fair share of travellers to the nation's golden shores in search of fortune and fame, but few will have experienced such an immediate sense of exhilaration as that enjoyed by Mark Johnston when he landed here yesterday.

An overcast sky and steady rain, which greeted his arrival, may have enduced a homely feel following a tiring journey from Yorkshire, but it was the quick telephone call from the airport to his Middleham base which had the young trainer jumping for joy.

"I phoned home as I got off the plane and the first news was that we had just had a fax telling us we were getting five yearlings from Maktoum Al-Maktoum. That is fantastic."

The latest Dubai patronage follows up the success this summer with the first horses sent to him by Shaikh Mohammed, including Millstream and Jural, which has contributed to his tally of more than 100 winners. Not bad for a 35-year-old handler whose career began only seven years ago with six horses trained on the *Lincolnshire sands* and whose first season produced one winner.

The meteoric rise from *racing's nether regions to the* sunlit peaks is mirrored in a strange way by Quick Ransom, his runner in the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday.

To have predicted a place on the international stage for the horse as a two-year-old would have been laughable. Apart from suffering from every kind of problem, ranging from sore shins to ringworm, he appeared devoid of talent. In his first season he ran nine times without *winning*.

After breaking his duck on the all-weather at Lingfield, he gradually improved with age and his successes in the Ebor, Northumberland Plate and Ascot Handicap mean Quick Ransom has won more money than any other handicapper in training.

"I often wonder how much skill and how much luck was involved in his success," Johnston said as he watched Quick Ransom stride out round the Sandown Park racecourse, where he has been quarantined. "But horses like him make me wish I had a stable full of six-year-old geldings."

On the Middleham gallops this year, Quick Ransom has often proved too strong for Johnston's two stable stars, Mister Baileys, winner of the 2,000 Guineas, and Double Trigger. On the racecourse, his toughness has been combined with continued improvement, reflected in a career-best performance when he finished runner-up to Arcadian Heights in the Doncaster Cup.

With Arcadian Heights having beaten Vintage Crop in the Ascot Gold Cup, and Quick Ransom enjoying a useful weight concession from last year's Melbourne Cup winner, his chances are obvious. Quick Ransom lost 18 kilos in weight on his journey to Australia but has regained all but four of them and Johnston described him yesterday as "just about spot on". Brent Thomson was due to partner his big-race ride in a proper work-out over a mile-and-a-half this morning.

Although unraced since Doncaster 55 days ago, Johnston was quick to point out how the horse is often best when running fresh, having won on *his* seasonal debut on three occasions. A year ago, Australian racing enthusiasts would have mocked such a preparation for their Cup. Vintage Crop's historic success has taught them otherwise.

Johnston's only regret, win or lose, is that Quick Ransom will not be returning to England as a majority share has been sold to Wayne Heathcote, a Tasmanian-born art consultant.

Vintage Crop has a 70-30 chance of running in the Melbourne Cup after responding well to treatment for a leg injury. "We will be unlucky if we don't get him to the races," Dermot Weld said yesterday. He hopes to gallop Vintage Crop at the weekend.



Johnston looks over Quick Ransom after a work-out. Photograph: Joe Mann

Lochsong heads 13 British entries for Breeders' Cup

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

A RECORD 26 horses trained in Europe have been allocated places in the seven Breeders' Cup races to be contested at Churchill Downs, Kentucky, on November 5. All 13 entrants from Britain have survived the cut after recent injuries to the French-trained pair, Bright Moon and Green Tune, forced them out of the $10 million jamboree.

The European entry comfortably eclipses the 21-strong party which travelled to the same venue three years ago. And for the first time in the 11-year history of the event, Europe is to be represented in each of the seven races, five of which are run on a dirt surface. There could be no finer endorsement of the Breeders' Cup's rising status.

Heading the British *assault is Lochsong, who* single-handedly flies the flag against 13 American rivals in the Sprint. The six-year-old mare, who is expected to *gain exemption from the pre*race parade, is a best-priced 5-1 chance to emulate Sheikh Albadou, the sole British-trained winner of this race in 1991.

Eltish contests the Juvenile, Belle Genius the Juvenile Fillies', while Erin Bird, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, joins Agathe and Truly A Dream in the Distaff.

But the European raid is at its strongest in the Classic, Turf and Mile, the latter two on the grass track which is less than a mile in circumference. Only Royale, White Muzzle, Bolas and River North are joined by the French quartet of Hatoof, Hernando, Tikkanen and Celtic Arms in the Turf, although the locally-trained Paradise Creek, yet to race *over 12 furlongs, is a warm* favourite at 6-4.

It is a similar story in the Mile. Barathea, Distant View and Missed Flight, for Britain, and Bigstone, Ski Paradise and East Of The Moon, for France, are up against Lure, twice a winner of this race and a best-priced 5-4 to complete the treble.

The Classic is more open, with Cezanne, Ezzoud and Grand Lodge joined by Dernier Empereur, *Flag Down* and Millkom in a formidable European entry. The home defence is considerably weakened by the absence of Holy Bull, the outstanding runner in the US this year.

Overall, the Churchill Downs venue is favourable to the Europeans. Day-time temperatures are similar, and the turns of the track less severe than in California, where the European challenge — Arcangues apart — was thoroughly routed 12 *months ago. Corals offer 2-1* against a victory by any one of the 13 horses representing Britain.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

1.20 Witchfinder. 1.50 Crespo. 2.20 Eldeyaar. 2.50 Equerry. 3.20 Time Leader. 3.50 SUE ME (nap). 4.20 Double Blue.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.20 WITCHFINDER (nap). 1.50 Balliol Boy. 2.20 Lala Musa.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

1.20 EBF NETHERFIELD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,807: 1m 54yd) (13 runners)

101	(13)	05	BALLESWHIDDER 17 (R Warren) B Smart 9-0	W Newnes	–
102	(6)	064	CELERIC 10 (C Spence) D Morley 9-0	W R Swinburn	99
103	(2)		ELMER'S TUNE (B Lalemant) R Hannon 9-0	R Perham	–
104	(8)	00	HILAK 14 (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 9-0	W Carson	88
105	(12)		INN AT THE TOP (The 3rd Kingsley House Partnership) M Johnston 9-0	M Roberts	–
106	(1)		MERIT (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	C Rutter	–
107	(11)	00	MR CHRISTIE 34 (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 9-0	Dean McKeown	74
108	(10)		STELVIO (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	A McGlone	–
109	(9)		TAIPAN (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 9-0	J Weaver	–
110	(4)	04	TUCAN 28 (S Khaled) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	97
111	(3)		WITCHFINDER (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	–
112	(7)		NAJMAT ALSHEMAAL (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-9	R Hills	–
113	(5)	4	PAPER CLOUD 19 (R Richards) C Brittain 8-9	B Doyle	96

BETTING: 3-1 Witchfinder, 4-1 Stelvio, 6-1 Najmat Alshemaal, Taipan, 8-1 Merit, Tucan, 10-1 others.

1993: SHERMAN 9-0 R Hills (9-2) H Thomson Jones 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

CELERIC about 2¾l 4th of 12 to Myrtle Quest in maiden over course and distance (good to firm). MERIT (Feb 20): Half-brother by Rainbow Quest to Wild Sable, fair 1m 2f winner at three years; dam unraced half-sister to Teenoso. STELVIO (Mar 8): Brother by Shirley Heights to Safa, 6f juvenile winner; dam 7f juvenile winner. TAIPAN (Feb 1, 35,000 gns): First foal by Last Tycoon; dam, daughter of very useful Alligatrix, smart 6f-1m winner including in listed company. TUCAN about 1½l 4th of 8 to Crampton Hill in maiden at Newcastle (1m, good). WITCHFINDER (Mar 3): Second foal by Diesis; dam of little account. PAPER CLOUD 9l 4th of 10 to Puck's Castle in maiden at York (1m, good to soft).
Selection: CELERIC

1.50 EBF NETHERFIELD MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,807: 1m 54yd) (13 runners)

201	(2)	0	ABINGER 10 (E Cohen) Lady Herries 9-0	T Ives	88
202	(10)		BALLIOL BOY (W Said) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	–
203	(4)	0	BODENHAM 14 (W Gredley) G Bimmer 9-0	R Price	85
204	(12)	0	CRESPO 14 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Fanshawe 9-0	W Woods	99
205	(13)		DACHA (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 9-0	A McGlone	–
206	(9)		KELKESKA (P Old) W Brisbourne 9-0	S Maloney	–
207	(6)	3	POLYDAMAS 37 (A Christodoulou) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid	97
208	(1)	0	RANGER SLOANE 19 (G Sloane) G Fierro 9-0	G Hind	–
209	(11)	6	RENOWN 23 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-0	D Harrison	82
210	(8)	03	ROYAL PHILOSOPHER 43 (A Miller) K McAuliffe 9-0	J Tate (3)	95
211	(7)	0	TOSKANO 14 (U Schwarzenbach) I Balding 9-0	L Dettori	85
212	(3)	60	HUISH CROSS 24 (Lord Clinton) D Morley 8-9	R Cochrane	95
213	(5)	0	VICTORIA 29 (The Smart Set) B Smart 8-9	R Perham	–

BETTING: 7-2 Balliol Boy, 4-1 Polydamas, Dacha, 6-1 Crespo, 7-1 Renown, 8-1 Toskano, 12-1 others.

1993: SHERMAN 9-0 R Hills (9-2) H Thomson Jones 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLIOL BOY (foaled Apr 20, cost 108,000gns): Half-brother by Nashwan to Saumarez, high-class 1m-1m 4f winner including Group I Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe; dam useful 1m/1m 2f winner. CRESPO 11l 8th of 25 to Vetton in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good) with TOSKANO 5l 17th and BODENHAM 1l 20th. DACHA (Apr 19): Half-brother by Soviet Star to Madame Dubois, very smart 1m 1f-1m 6f winner; dam useful middle-distance winner. POLYDAMAS 7¾l 3rd of 14 to Nash Terrace in maiden at Kempton (1m, soft). HUISH CROSS about 7¾l 6th of 11 to Thames Sword in maiden at Redcar (1m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: POLYDAMAS

2.20 MAPPERLEY HANDICAP (£4,140: 1m 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

301	(4)	633002	WHITE WILLOW 19 (D,G,S) (H North) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-10	J Fortune	91
302	(6)	612	TEGWEN 99 (BF,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-10	L Dettori	90
303	(10)	222210	UN PARFUM DE FEMME 13 (F,S) (The City Partnership) J Pearce 3-9-7	G Bardwell	90
304	(1)	011-000	BIRTHPLACE 13 (G,S) (Baden Cummings Pincs) J A Harris 4-9-4	Dale Gibson	–
305	(8)	25445	WAKNAPLANTATREE 13 (W Gredley) G Rimmer 3-9-4	R Price	92
306	(17)	565051	EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 8 (D,F,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-9-4 (5ex)	J Lowe	89
307	(3)	123206	TIGER SHOOT 10 (G,S) (C Lines) D Thom 7-9-1	L Newton (5)	83
308	(8)	053431	LALA MUSA 10 (CD,F) (Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 3-8-13 (5ex)	M Roberts	91
309	(19)	604024	ELDEYAAR 24 (B) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-12	R Hills	90
310	(14)	211540	MARATHIA 12 (B,F,S) (S Woods) S Woods 4-8-12	W Woods	92
311	(12)	601010	IOTA 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Lavender Hill Leisure Ltd) J L Harris 5-8-12	Paul Eddery	88
312	(15)	3645	NOUFARI 13 (Ed Weetman Ltd) B Hollinshead 3-8-11	T Ives	88
313	(11)	450-000	RICHCALLOCH 10 (F,S) (F Carter) J King 5-8-10	J Williams	89
314	(2)	000	BROTHER BEACON 115 (Mrs J Wright) H Candy 3-8-9	W Newnes	85
315	(18)	644044	TEACHER 19 (B,BF) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 4-8-5	W Carson	92
316	(13)	232210	SPECIAL RISK 49 (D,BF,G,S) (M Lee Partnership) R Akehurst 4-8-5	J Quinn	87
317	(20)	54-1055	BOSSMARINO 24 (G) (G Reed) C Thornton 4-8-4	Dean McKeown	90
318	(16)	600404	ABINGDON FLYER 12 (B,F,G) (C Whiteley) J Dooler 6-8-1	N Adams	98
319	(7)	43-6200	JAMES IS SPECIAL 149 (D,G) (J Thomas) H Collingridge 8-8-0	F Norton	91
320	(5)	050003	JOYS FIRST 10 (Miss J Reekie) H Collingridge 3-7-10	C Hawksley (5)	94

BETTING: 5-1 Tegwen, 7-1 White Willow, Lala Musa, 8-1 Special Risk, 10-1 Teacher, Eldeyaar, 12-1 others.

1993: BREAMS END 5-9-7 K Rutter (10-1) J Scargill 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHITE WILLOW 2¾l 2nd of 16 to First Bid in handicap at York (1m 6f, good to soft) with TEACHER (2lb better off) neck and 1l 4th. UN PARFUM DE FEMME beat Stompin 1l in 11-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start. WAKNAPLANTATREE 7¾l 4th of 10 to Trans Siberia in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm). EIRE LEATH-SCEAL beat Seasonal Splendour 1l in 14-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to soft). ELDEYAAR 1¾l 2nd of 20 to Brave Tornado in maiden handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft) on penultimate start, with TEACHER (2lb better off) neck and head 4th. IOTA beat Sato ¾l in handicap at Chepstow (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. SPECIAL RISK beat Lide Al Sea 3¾l in handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: TEACHER

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. *The Times Private Handicapper's rating.*

2.50 WOODTHORPE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,834: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

401	(16)	1-60	GOLDEN MEMORIES 18 (CD,S) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 9-7	J Carroll	85
402	(13)	413554	ROMAN REEL 10 (F) (K Higson) G L Moore 9-4	B Rouse	91
403	(8)	343	PIME ESSENCE 17 (A Speelman) J Gosden 9-2	L Dettori	90
404	(5)	560010	OCHOS RIOS 19 (F,G,S) (Mrs H Burn) B Rothwell 9-1	M Fenton	94
405	(14)	2350	GLITTER OF GOLD 56 (Skelcom Ltd) S Williams 9-1	J Tate (3)	90
406	(19)	000520	EARTH CHARTER 18 (B) (W Gredley) G Rimmer 9-0	R Price	83
407	(12)	0-04502	PERYLLYS 31 (M Gibson) B Smart 8-13	Mark Denaro (7)	84
408	(9)	360	PRIM LASS 17 (J Rose) Lord Huntingdon 8-11	D Harrison	98
409	(4)	040405	SALSKA 2 (V) (J Haverhals) J Glover 8-11	W Ryan	94
410	(1)	222253	EQUERRY 10 (B) (J Good) M Jarvis 8-11	P Robinson	92
411	(18)	0-08480	MR BROWNING 2 (Mrs M O'Shea) M Campion 8-7	M Roberts	87
412	(10)	004030	MY GALLERY 12 (B,S) (G Mytton) A Bailey 8-6	A Mackay	90
413	(3)	002500	VALIANT MAN 37 (G) (J Rose) J Hetherton 8-4	W Woods	94
414	(20)	060562	QUEENS STROLLER 17 (G) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 8-4	J Quinn	91
415	(6)	0-50000	EZEKIEL 8 (Mrs J Payne) J Payne 8-4	A McGlone	92
416	(7)	200500	WINN'S PRIDE 22 (D,S) (Mrs W Bailey) R Hollinshead 8-1	W Carson	96
417	(17)	400230	RAINBOWS RHAPSODY 6 (D Ridd) M Camacho 8-1	L Charnock	80
418	(2)	000001	JUST HARRY 10 (D,F,G) (Miss L Shally) M Ryan 7-11 (5ex)	D Biggs	99
419	(15)	0-0500	CATAWAMPUS 28 (R Michel) C James 7-10	C Hawksley (5)	98
420	(11)	5040-5	FORESTA VERDE 290 (C Booth) C Booth 7-7	N Varley (5)	80

BETTING: 9-2 Pime Essence, 8-1 Equerry, Peryllys, 10-1 Ochos Rios, Queens Stroller, 12-1 others.

1993: AFFA 4-8-1 D Biggs (11-1) T Thomson Jones 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROMAN REEL about 6¾l 4th of 14 to Wonderful day in handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, firm). PIME ESSENCE 2¾l 3rd of 20 to Bassmaat in apprentices' maiden at Leicester (7f, good) with PRIM LASS (5lb better off) 16¾l 13th. OCHOS RIOS beat Rowing Minstrel 2¾l in 16-runner handicap at Haydock (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start, with SALSKA (11lb better off) 4l 4th and MY GALLERY (8lb better off) 11¾l 11th. PERYLLYS head 2nd of 18 to Sparkling Roberta in apprentices' maiden handicap at Bath (1m, good). EQUERRY ¾l and head 3rd of 19 to Burnaan in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with EARTH CHARTER about 9l 11th. QUEENS STROLLER 1l 2nd of 20 to Fairlead in handicap at Leicester (1m, good). JUST HARRY beat Ocean Park ½l in 16-runner seller at Folkestone (7f, firm).
Selection: PIME ESSENCE (nap)

3.20 SHERWOOD CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,822: 6f 15yd) (10 runners)

501	(3)	222	BAHRI 29 (BF) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-10	W Carson	99
502	(6)		HALLELUJA TIME (B Lalemant) R Hannon 8-10	L Dettori	–
503	(1)	05	KENCOL 24 (C Smith) A Foster 8-10	J Fortune	84
504	(8)	22	SHEN YANG 30 (BF) (K Higson) G L Moore 8-10	B Rouse	95
505	(9)		SILVER ACADEMY (S Squires) Miss G Kelleway 8-10	Stephen Davies	–
506	(5)	24	SING UP 27 (Unit Partnership) M McCormack 8-10	J Reid	75
507	(7)		TIME LEADER (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-10	W R Swinburn	–
508	(10)	5	BAJAN FRONTIER 145 (Mrs C Collinson) F Lee 8-5	J Weaver	78
509	(4)	5	BLUE SIOUX 12 (J Ashby) J Wharton 8-5	J Williams	–
510	(2)	2565	ROYAL REBUKE 10 (BF) (Mrs M Bryce-Smith) R Charlton 8-5	W Ryan	89

BETTING: 9-1 Bahri, 7-2 Time Leader, 5-1 Royal Rebuke, Shen Yang, 7-1 Halleluja Time, Sing Up, 8-1 others.

1993: BLUE BOMBER 9-0 Pat Eddery (1-6 fav) R Hannon 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAHRI 3½l 2nd of 18 to Bunting in maiden at Salisbury (1m, good). HALLELUJA TIME (foaled Apr 2, cost 12,500gns): Half-brother by Risk Me to useful 5f/6f winning juvenile Blue Bomber; dam 7f-1m 2f winner at two and three years. KENCOL 4l 5th of 8 to Endless Wave in conditions race at Warwick (5f, soft). SHEN YANG neck 2nd of 6 to Karayib in conditions race at Brighton (7f, good). SING UP about 7l 4th of 7 to Green City in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). TIME LEADER (May 10): Half-brother by Lead On Time to Green Green Desert, useful 1m/1m 2f performer this season; dam 6f juvenile winner. ROYAL REBUKE beat effort when 4l 5th of 10 to Femme Savante in conditions race at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
Selection: BAHRI

3.50 RUSHCLIFFE NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,184: 6f 15yd) (13 runners)

601	(11)	01	MUCHTARAK 78 (G) (H Al Maktoum) C Benstead 9-7	W Carson	86
602	(9)	381020	GALLOWS CORNER 47 (D,G) (B Adams) R Hannon 9-6	W R Swinburn	92
603	(10)	260110	CABCHARGE BLUE 30 (CD,F,S) (Mrs A Wise) T Naughton 9-4	V Halliday (7)	93
604	(2)	022	HOTSPUR STREET 29 (K Hodgson) M Johnston 9-3	M Roberts	94
605	(1)	432103	SUE ME 5 (D,S) (M Payton) W Muir 9-2	J Weaver	99
606	(8)	052	SEVENTEENS LUCKY 13 (P Simmonds) Bob Jones 9-1	C Hodgson (3)	90
607	(5)	634	BOLD GESTURE 13 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-13	L Dettori	87
608	(12)	003050	PACIFIC GIRL 13 (B) (G) B Palling 8-8	J Reid	88
609	(13)	000122	RUNS IN THE FAMILY 9 (D,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 8-7	D Harrison	96
610	(4)	033055	FINAL SPOOF 9 (M Watson) M Channon 8-5	R Hughes	88
611	(3)	106	C-YER-SIMMIE 69 (G) (D Copperthall) R Hollinshead 8-3	A Garth (5)	89
612	(7)	240004	RUPERT'S PRINCESS 9 (S) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 8-3	Stephen Davies	90
613	(6)	016465	TOMAL 34 (F) (H and H Removals) R Ingram 8-2	A McGlone	97

BETTING: 11-2 Hotspur Street, 6-1 Muchtarak, Cabcharge Blue, Sue Me, 8-1 Gallows Corner, 10-1 others.

1993: MONKEY'S WEDDING 9-5 J Carroll (12-1) J Berry 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUCHTARAK beat Polly Garter 1¾l in maiden at Folkestone (5f, good). GALLOWS CORNER 4l 2nd of 14 to Kabul in nursery at Kempton (6f, good) on penultimate start. CABCHARGE BLUE beat Dont Look Now 1l in 21-runner nursery over course and distance (good to soft) on penultimate start, with *RUPERTS PRINCESS* (14lb better off) 9l 7th. HOTSPUR STREET head 2nd of 11 to Bahith in maiden at Newcastle (6f, good). SUE ME 2¾l 3rd of 16 to Wardara in nursery at Newbury (6f, heavy). SEVENTEENS LUCKY ½l 2nd of 16 to Hardy Dancer in maiden at Catterick (6f, good to firm). RUNS IN THE FAMILY ½l 2nd of 16 to Tumbleweed Chapel in nursery at Chepstow (6f, good) with RUPERT'S PRINCESS 2l 4th and FINAL SPOOF ½l 5th.
Selection: RUNS IN FAMILY

4.20 SNEINTON CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,654: 6f 15yd) (4 runners)

1	(4)	201012	DOUBLE BLUE 7 (D,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 5-8-11	Oliver Casey (7)	99
2	(1)	356020	CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 19 (D,G,S) (Gandy Girls) M Channon 4-9-2	R Hughes	81
3	(2)	543103	CALAMANCO 96 (B,C,F,S) (Mrs D Ellis) D Chappell 4-8-12	M Birch	73
4	(3)		SHE'S A MADAM (Miss L Hellewell) L Lloyd-James 3-8-6	M Deering	–

BETTING: 4-9 Double Blue, 4-1 Calamanco, 5-1 Champagne Grandy, 33-1 She's A Madam.

1993: GARAH 4-8-11 W Ryan (13-8 fav) H Cecil 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE BLUE 2¼l 2nd of 15 to Branston Abby in handicap at Newbury (6f, good to soft). CHAMPAGNE GRANDY short-head 2nd of 7 to Palacegate Jack in conditions race at Haydock (5f, soft) on penultimate start. CALAMANCO 3l 3rd of 9 to Princess Oberon in handicap at Newcastle (5f, good to firm).
Selection: DOUBLE BLUE

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JOCKEYS: P Niven, 53 winners from 180 rides, 29.4%; L Wyer, 24 from 98, 24.5%; D Ryan, 6 from 30, 20.0%; F Leahy, 4 from 20, 20.0%; J Callaghan, 20 from 105, 19.0%; R Hodge, 10 from 53, 18.9%; C Hawkins, 10 from 62, 16.1%.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	28	74	37.8	D Harrison	10	42	23.8
J Gosden	13	38	34.2	L Dettori	29	151	19.2
R Charlton	11	35	31.4	W Carson	36	188	19.1
I Balding	6	24	25.0	P Robinson	8	54	14.8
M Camacho	3	14	21.4	Paul Eddery	17	120	14.2
P Cole	16	79	20.3	W R Swinburn	14	99	14.1

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Yarmouth

Going: good

1.25 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, Blowedifiknow (J Quinn, 7-1); 2, Lone Risk (14-1); 3, Choir Master (33-1). Cibournel News 5-2 fav. 10 ran. NR: Pride Of May. 3l, 8l. J Wharton. Tote: £5.50; £1.40, £3.30, £8.30. DF: £45.50. CSF: £82.29.

2.00 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Needle Gun (M Roberts, 8-13 fav); 2, Iylal (4-1); 3, Crossillon (4-1). 4 ran. 1¼l, 5l. C Brittain. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.20.

2.35 (5f 43yd) 1, Tharwa (M Baird, 5-1); 2, Nadwaty (11-1); 3, Baileys Sunset (5-1). Rolling 4-1 fav. 11 ran. 1½l, hd. N Callaghan. Tote: £5.40; £1.80, £3.10, £2.40. DF: £33.70. Trio: £55.90. CSF: £51.05. Tricast: £259.39.

3.10 (1m 3yd) 1, Traikey (J Quinn, 10-1); 2, Dawlah (25-1); 3, Verzen (4-6 fav). 15 ran. 4l, 1¼l. J Banks. Tote: £9.50; £2.50, £4.50, £1.20. DF: £196.60. CSF: £213.98.

3.45 (7f 3yd) 1, Ertlon (M Roberts, 9-1); 2, East Barns (20-1); 3, Tumbling (14-1); 4, Polonez Prima (8-1). Moujeeb 100-30 fav. 20 ran. 2½l, ¾l. C Brittain. Tote: £10.80; £2.20, £7.20, £4.30, £3.10. DF: £221.70. Trio: £521.90. CSF: £180.40. Tricast: £2,318.87.

4.15 (7f 3yd) 1, Peace Envoy (Pat Eddery, 1-2 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Shayim (9-1); 3, Doubleton (11-2). 13 ran. 3½l, 3½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £3.00, £1.70. DF: £6.60. CSF: £7.46.

Placepot: £241.70. Quadpot: £18.70.

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm

1.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Solo Gent (G McCourt, 9-1); 2, Punters Overhead (9-4 fav); 3, Le Meille (20-1). 13 ran. 15l, 12l. A Jones. Tote: £7.70; £2.20, £1.50, £3.80. DF: £18.50. CSF: £29.15.

1.45 (2m 7f 110yd hdle) 1, Greenhill Tare Away (Peter Hobbs, 4-1); 2, Allegation (5-1); 3, Irish Stamp (10-3 fav). 8 ran. 2l, 2½l. P Hobbs. Tote: £7.40; £2.20, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £18.70. CSF: £21.89. Tricast: £64.80.

2.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, Crystal Spirit (J Osborne, 7-4 fav); 2, Bradbury Star (100-30); 3, Rough Quest (11-1). 6 ran. 8l, 25l. I Balding. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.68.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ELDEYAAR
(2.20 Nottingham)

Next best: Witchfinder
(1.20 Nottingham)

2.55 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Mytton's Choice (T Kent, 4-1); 2, Plato's Republic (8-1); 3, Plunder Bay (9-2). Irkutsk 15-8 fav. 8 ran. NR: Physical Fun. 1¼l, 3½l. A Bailey. Tote: £5.80; £1.70, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £15.40. CSF: £30.38.

3.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Cokenny Boy (W Marston, Evens fav); 2, Zamirah (13-8); 3, Strong Current (10-1). 5 ran. 1¼l, dist. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.60. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.78.

4.05 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Lo Stregone (Mr S Swiers, 4-1); 2, Warner For Winners (7-2 fav); 3, Pickensone (33-1). 11 ran. NR: Titus Andronicus. 1¾l, 25l. T Tate. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £1.70, £4.90. DF: £5.30. Trio: £56.50. CSF: £17.39. Tricast: £360.46.

4.35 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Morpheus (Mr J Connolly, 8-1); 2, Ballyea Boy (12-1); 3, Uplands (5-1). Valley Garden 7-2 fav. 25 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. D Nicholson. Tote: £15.20; £4.90, £3.60, £3.60. DF: £115.20. CSF: £116.20.

Jackpot: £7,100.00.

Placepot: £24.10. Quadpot: £5.50.

Fontwell Park

Going: good

1.35 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Side Bar (J Ryan, 12-1); 2, Jovial Man (10-11 fav); 3, Fawley Flyer (3-1). 8 ran. 8l, 1¼l. M Ryan. Tote: £18.70; £5.60, £1.00, £1.80. DF: £11.40. CSF: £23.35. Tricast: £41.25.

2.10 (2m 2f ch) 1, Time Won't Wait (J Railton, 6-4 fav); 2, Magsood (12-1); 3, Truss (9-2). 8 ran. NR: Bonus Boy, Spinning Steel. 6l, 8l. R Phillips. Tote: £2.80; £1.20, £2.20, £1.30. DF: £11.80. Trio: £20.90. CSF: £18.36. Tricast: £63.12.

2.45 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Hawaiian Youth (D Carson, 9-1); 2, Rich Life (12-1); 3, Nobley (5-1). Mulciber 7-4 fav. 13 ran. Hd, 1¾l. R Rowe. Tote: £12.20; £3.50, £2.90, £2.50. DF: £52.70. Trio: £143.20. CSF: £108.02. *Tricast: £558.38.*

3.20 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, The Malakarma (L Harvey, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Cruise Control (7-1); 3, Queen's Award (66-1). Coasting 9-4 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Bravo Star. 1l, 14l. Mrs I McKie. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.90, £6.90. *DF: £10.60. CSF: £18.43.*

3.55 (2m 2f ch) 1, Court Rapier (P Carey, 4-1); 2, Maggots Green (2-1 fav); 3, Wayward Wind (4-1). 7 ran. Dist, 7l. R Alner. Tote: £5.30; £2.30, £1.90. DF: £5.90. CSF: £12.01.

4.25 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Chief's Song (A Dicken, 11-5 fav); 2, Denver Bay (6-1); 3, Manaboutthehouse (33-1). 16 ran. 12l, 6l. S Dow. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £2.00, £5.40. DF: £6.40. CSF: £10.58.

Placepot: £52.20. *Quadpot: £26.80.*

STRATFORD

THUNDERER

1.30 Circus Colours. 2.00 Sirtelimar. 2.30 Forest Feather. 3.00 Ask The Governor. 3.30 Sunbeam Talbot. 4.00 One For The Pot. 4.30 Pridewood Golding.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 PRIME OF LIFE.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.30 PATHLOW NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £2,052: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

1	6/	BARBARY REEF 353F H Manners 6-10-12	M Appleby (7)	–
2		BOXBOY 108F G Yardley 4-10-12	Mr A Phillips	–
3	5/	CELTINO 593 T Forster 6-10-12	R Farrant	–
4	0P-	CIRCUS COLOURS 189F Mrs S Smith 4-10-12	Gary Lyons	–
5	066-	HAILE DERRING 197 M Scudamore 4-10-12	A Maguire	80
6	2-	HILLSDOWN BOY 28F S Dow 4-10-12	A Dicken	80
7	0/6-	HOLIDAY ISLAND 34F R Akehurst 5-10-12	S Ryan (7)	60
8		*MOULTAZIM 31F R Price 4-10-12*	*J McCarthy (3)*	–
9	60-0	NOBLE RISK 21 B De Haan 4-10-12	J Osborne	–
10	226-	PRIME OF LIFE 203F J Eustace 4-10-12	S McNeill	99
11	00P-	PRINCE VALMY 208 N Ayliffe 9-10-12	B Powell	50
12	0-	REESHLOCH 197 A Turnell 5-10-12	D Fortt (5)	–
13	0-U5	RELAXED LAD 33 J Peacock 5-10-12	R Bellamy	50
14	*5/*	*SOMETHING QUICK 1017 G Balding 6-10-12*	*J Railton*	–
15	000-	CALL HER A STAR 159 P Murphy 4-10-7	E Murphy	–
16	040-	FIVE STARS 173 (V) J Colston 7-10-7	Mr T Stephenson	63
17	006-	SHAMELESS LADY 213 G Ham 4-10-7	W Marston	–

6-4 Prime Of Life, 5-1 Hillsdown Boy, 6-1 Circus Colours, 7-1 others.

2.00 PATHLOW NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £2,052: 2m 110yd) (16)

1	2411	SIRTELIMAR 14 (D,F,G) K Bailey 5-11-5	N Williamson	95
2	*/53-*	*ANOTHER VINTAGE 411 P Cundell 5-10-12*	*J Osborne*	*88*
3		ANTARTICTERN 5F N Tinkler 4-10-12	M Dwyer	–
4	/PP-	DISTANT MILL 323 R Dickin 6-10-12	D Meredith (3)	–
5	0P-0	DUVEEN 25 J White 4-10-12	NON-RUNNER	
6	40-4	ENCORE UN PEU 26 (S) M Pipe 7-10-12	R Dunwoody	99
7	0P/	FLYING DOWN TO RIO 82F G Barnett 6-10-12	L Arnold (7)	–
8	*04-*	*HOBBS 329 S Mellor 4-10-12*	*Chris Webb (7)*	*78*
9	6P/	JAY AITCH 563 C Hemsley 5-10-12	R Williamson (7)	–
10	F00-	JAY EM ESS 187 D Nicholson 5-10-12	A Maguire	–
11	/0F-	PERFECT LIGHT 285 Mrs S Smith 5-10-12	Gary Lyons	–
12	5-FU	ROYAL SEGOS 12 Mrs P Dutfield 7-10-12	P Holley	–
13	0-	WHITELOCK QUEST 139F D Arbuthnot 6-10-12	G McCourt	–
14		*ALBERT 54F R Evans 4-10-7*	*Mr R Johnson (7)*	–
15	-06P	PROSPECT OF WHITBY 50 P Pritchard 8-10-7	K Davies (7)	–
16	20-	SAIL BY THE STARS 238 T Forster 5-10-7	C Llewellyn	82

6-4 Sirtelimar, 5-1 Encore Un Peu, 8-1 Sail By The Stars, Jay Em Ess, Antartictern, Hobbs, 12-1 others.

2.30 SONA BRAND NOVICES CHASE
(£3,713: 2m 5f 110yd) (14)

1	/P-1	REALLY A RASCAL 19 (S) D Gandolfo 7-11-4	M Dwyer	99
2	621-	*ARCTIC COURSE 197 (S) D Nicholson 6-10-12*	*A Maguire*	–
3	1P/	DAGAZ 743 (G) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-12	C Llewellyn	–
4	211-	FOREST FEATHER 167 (G) C Weedon 6-10-12	Peter Hobbs	–
5	F46-	KETFORD BRIDGE 173 R Dickin 7-10-12	D Meredith (3)	79
6	400-	RED RING 178 (S) J Webber 7-10-12	M Perrett	76
7	20-F	RIVA 19 (BF,F,S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-10-12	R Dunwoody	–
8	*51/*	*SAN FERNANDO 640 (S) J Gifford 8-10-12*	*P Hide (3)*	–
9	53F-	SMITH'S BAND 183 Mrs J Pitman 6-10-12	W Marston	–
10	5/2-	TURNING TRIX 385 (G) S Sherwood 7-10-12	J Osborne	94
11	352P	HOSTETLER 10 (S) K Bridgwater 5-10-10	B Powell	76
12	U-0	TOO PLUSH 25 A Turnell 5-10-10	L Harvey	–
13		ADARE QUEEN Mrs D Haine 6-10-7	D Bridgwater	–
14	*2P/*	*FOXGROVE 561 (F,G) T Forster 8-10-7*	*R Bellamy*	–

5-2 Really A Rascal, 5-1 Arctic Course, 6-1 Forest Feather, Dagaz, 8-1 others.

3.00 ARCHIE SCOTT BENEVOLENT FUND CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,631: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

1	0/6	SECRET FOUR 26 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-10	Mr M Rimell (7)	–
2	010-	KYTTON CASTLE 190 (G,S) R Dickin 7-11-5	D Meredith (3)	91
3	240-	FAST THOUGHTS 190 (CD,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 7-11-0	M Dwyer	96
4	*10-1*	*SIR PAGEANT 12 (CD,G,S) K Bridgwater 5-10-9*	*D Bridgwater*	*80*
5	34U4	GALLANT EFFORT 9 (G,S) S Dow 6-10-7	A Dicken	88
6	140-	LANSDOWNE 190 (CD,S) G Ham 6-10-4	D Fortt (5)	89
7	55-1	ASK THE GOVERNOR 23 (D,F,G,S) G Balding 8-10-4	A P McCoy (5)	98
8	PFF-	NO LIGHT 184 (G,S) Mrs I McKie 7-10-0	L Harvey	–
9	*1-2P*	*JAMESTOWN BOY 15 (B,F,G,S) B Preece 6-10-0*	*T Wall*	*83*
10	6P03	ON THE SAUCE 14 (B,D,F,G,S) B Shaw 7-10-0	R Dunwoody	99
11	002-	SILVER STANDARD 154 (S) T Forster 4-10-0	B Powell	87

9-4 Ask The Governor, 11-4 Sir Pageant, 9-2 Secret Four, 8-1 others.

3.30 LONDON AND MANCHESTER NCH CHARITY CHALLENGE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,070: 3m 4f) (17)

1	PP-F	MUSTHAVEASWIG 15 (G) D Nicholson 8-11-10	A Maguire	90
2	505-	FIDDLERS PIKE 201 (S) Mrs R Henderson 13-11-10	Mrs R Henderson	94
3	2P-P	RATHVINDEN HOUSE 36 (B,S) J White 7-11-5	G McCourt	92
4	RP-F	CHANNELS GATE 15 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-2	C Llewellyn	92
5	/6P	SEAGRAM 12 (F,G,S) J Gifford 14-11-0	P Hide (3)	–
6	312-	UNHOLY ALLIANCE 181 (F,G,S) K Bailey 7-10-13	N Williamson	96
7	P-03	BUDDY HOLLY 22 (CD,BF,F,G) J Old 9-10-7	T Grantham	91
8	1/U	DWADME 15 (F,S) R O'Sullivan 9-10-6	D O'Sullivan	–
9	122-	TIPP MARINER 198 (G,S) S Sherwood 9-10-6	J Osborne	93
10	30-2	EBONY GALE 15 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-1	W Marston	99
11	40-4	SUNBEAM TALBOT 22 (CD,G,S) A Jones 13-10-0	S McNeill	97
12	61-1	NAUGHTY NICKY 22 (F,G) K Bishop 10-10-0	R Greene	96
13	4F-0	THE FORTIES 26 (F,G) T Bill 9-10-0	J Railton	–
14	3452	BARRACILLA 22 (F,G) G Balding 9-10-0	A P McCoy (5)	89
15	6643	RUSTY BRIDGE 10 (F,G) Mrs S Johnson 7-10-0	Mr R Johnson (7)	88
16	F25-	MWEENISH 145 (G,S) J Webber 12-10-0	R Bellamy	91
17	0PP-	LASTOFTHEVIKINGS 184 (CD,S) J Needham 9-10-0	D Gallagher	80

4-1 Tipp Mariner, 9-2 Channels Gate, 8-1 Musthaveaswig, 10-1 others.

4.00 OSLO TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,182: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

1	14F-	RODEO STAR 152F (F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-11-10	M Dwyer	90
2	-111	CONGREGATION 17 (D,F,G,S) R Rowe 8-11-9	R Dunwoody	96
3	P/1-	BELSTONE FOX 388 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 9-11-5	A Maguire	90
4	411-	ONE FOR THE POT 206 (F,G,S) Mrs A Naughton 9-11-1	N Williamson	99
5	21-3	MACEDONAS 35 (B,BF,F,G,S) C Brooks 6-10-3	G Bradley	88
6	-216	VAZON BAY 5 (B,F,G) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-0	W Marston	96

5-4 Congregation, 5-2 One For The Pot, 5-1 Rodeo Star, 7-1 others.

4.30 TEMPLE GRAFTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,108: 2m 110yd) (17)

1	536-	TROOPING 38F M Meagher 5-11-10	N Doughty	90
2	-200	PULMICORT 21 (B) Mrs M Jones 4-11-8	G McCourt	89
3	-P42	EL GRANDO 33 K Cunningham-Brown 4-11-8	A P McCoy (5)	90
4	P0-F	ZAYAN 70 D Gandolfo 4-11-8	M Dwyer	85
5	60-6	PHROSE 5 C Weedon 4-11-7	J Osborne	98
6	58/	COUNTRY RAMBLER 552 P Hobbs 8-11-6	Peter Hobbs	–
7	6/5	FLIGHT OF SONG 12 P Murphy 7-11-5	E Murphy	82
8	502-	GYMCRAK TIGER 173 G Holmes 4-11-3	A Maguire	93
9	5F5-	SWIFT ROMANCE 181 G Barnett 6-11-2	S Wynne (3)	97
10	352-	JANET SCIBS 178 N Ayliffe 6-11-0	B Powell	89
11	UF0-	RUMPUS 127F C Broad 4-11-0	W Marston	–
12	P60-	JACKSONS BAY 38F R Rowe 4-11-0	R Dunwoody	–
13	4602	PRIDEWOOD GOLDING 13 R Price 7-10-10	J McCarthy (3)	91
14	04P-	STORM FALCON 348 S Mellor 4-10-9	S Earle	80
15	00F-	CLEAR LOOK 192F Miss H Knight 4-10-9	M Perrett	–
16	FP5-	TURF RUN 178 A Turnell 7-10-9	D Fortt (5)	99
17	400	MUTAWALI 21 R Baker 4-10-4	L Harvey	86

5-1 El Grando, 7-1 Pridewood Golding, 8-1 Gymcrak Tiger, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R O'Sullivan, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; M Pipe, 21 from 91, 23.1%; C Brooks, 3 from 13, 23.1%; T Forster, 12 from 54, 22.2%; P Hobbs, 13 from 63, 20.6%; A Turnell, 4 from 20, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 9 winners from 27 rides, 33.3%; D O'Sullivan, 5 from 17, 29.4%; Peter Hobbs, 10 from 43, 23.3%; A Maguire, 18 from 82, 22.0%; C Llewellyn, 14 from 64, 21.9%.

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER

1.10 Integrity Boy. 1.40 Master Bracken. 2.10 Cool Dude. 2.40 Bonanza. 3.10 Choctaw. 3.40 Ali's Alibi. 4.10 Nishvamitra.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

1.10 STONEGRAVE AGGREGATES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,169: 2m 5f 110yd) (21 runners)

1	012-	MANGROVE MIST 145 (F,G) P Monteith 6-12-0	A Dobbin	
2	46P-	FARMER'S CROSS 185 (CD,G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-6	B Grattan (7)	
3	2U0-	KIR 181 (F,G) V Thompson 6-11-5	Mr M Thompson	
4	/22	DALESIDE 8 W Bentley 6-10-13	A Thornton	
5	064-	ERBIL 7F (F) L Lungo 4-10-12	F Perratt (5)	
6	-521	INTEGRITY BOY 12 (B,CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-10-12	Mrs A Farrell	
7	3RR1	VOLCANIC DANCER 6 (V,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-10-11 (7ex)	E Husband (5)	
8	6-00	CANDID LAD 14 (F) M Wane 7-10-9	J Callaghan	
9	000-	KNIGHTS 145 (CD,F,G) H Oliver 8-10-9	Jacqui Oliver	
10	6P-0	MY ADVENTURE 19 (C,S) M H Easterby 4-10-8	L Wyer	
11	43-0	STATION EXPRESS 26 (CD,F,G) J Dooler 6-10-8	M A Fitzgerald	
12	P/-0	CASA BELLA 6 (D,F,S) B Richmond 7-10-3	D Byrne	
13	0-00	SPANISH WHISPER 26 (C,G,S) J Bostock 7-10-0	F Leahy (5)	
14	4R0-	ELVETT BRIDGE 149 (CD,F) V Thompson 6-10-0	J Supple (5)	
15	*U105*	*SHUT UP 12 (C,G) Mrs E Moscrop 5-10-0*	*D J Moffatt (3)*	
16	3033	TAP DANCING 10 (B,C,G) J Allen 8-10-0	Mr N Bradley (7)	
17	04/	ESCADARO 579 Mrs V Ward 5-10-0	Mr D Parker (5)	
18	F-5P	GASCOIGNE WOOD 33 R Tate 6-10-0	Mrs F Needham	
19	0-60	TRY AGAIN JANE 29 D Eddy 4-10-0	B Storey	
20	0P-5	LOMOND SPRINGS 36 J Barclay 5-10-0	A Wallwork (7)	
21	00-5	SPEEDY SIOUX 14 (B,G) S Chadwick 5-10-0	G Cahill (7)	

3-1 Integrity Boy, 7-2 Daleside, 6-1 My Adventure, 8-1 Mangrove Mist, 10-1 Tap Dancing, Volcanic Dancer, 12-1 Shut Up, 14-1 others.

1.40 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,110: 2m 1f 110yd) (18)

1	00-1	BISHOPS CASTLE 28 (C,G) T Carr 6-11-5	R Garritty
2	000-	BILLY BUOYANT 170 F Walton 5-11-0	B Storey
3	P0-F	CAMPTOSAURUS 27 J Johnson 5-11-0	S Taylor (7)
4	-4UP	CHARLIE MCCARTHY 8 M McCarthy 6-11-0	J Callaghan
5	UP5-	DOUGLAS RIDGE 215P Mrs K Tutty 6-11-0	Mr N Tutty
6	F-6	EXEMPLAR 14 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0	Richard Guest
7	005-	FUNNY FEELINGS 229 P Monteith 4-11-0	A Dobbin
8	46	LINLATHEN 17 R Fahey 4-11-0	R Marley
9		LITTLE TUSKA N Mason 4-11-0	J Supple (5)
10	0P-0	MARCO-PIERRE 35 J Barclay 5-11-0	A Thornton
11	134-	MASTER BRACKEN 147 (G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0	P Niven
12	4	MR DICK 18 M H Easterby 4-11-0	L Wyer
13	PP-0	PADDY FOREIGN 27 W Bentley 5-11-0	M A Fitzgerald
14	640-	ROLY PRIOR 170 Ms L Plater 5-11-0	N Bentley
15	00-6	SPY DESSA 27 T Carr 6-11-0	M Clarke (7)
16		CHEEKY MOUSE M Avison 6-10-9	A S Smith
17	000-	SOLAR NOVA 156 I Park 6-10-9	N Smith
18	PR-	SPANISH FLY 173P P Beaumont 5-10-9	C Hawkins

5-2 Master Bracken, 7-2 Bishops Castle, 8-1 Mr Dick, 7-1 Linlathen, 8-1 others.

2.10 ROWENA COLEMAN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,987: 2m 1f 110yd) (21)

1	00F-	PLUMBOB 104 (G) Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-11	R Murphy (7)
2	0-24	FIERY SUN 12 (CD,F,G) J Eyre 9-11-10	F Leahy (5)
3	-355	MR REINER 17 (CD,F,G,S) J Wade 6-11-9	D Ryan (7)
4	0P3-	WAKE UP 184 (F,G,S) M H Easterby 7-11-8	L Wyer
5	-430	OTTER BUSH 19 (CD,F) Mrs S Smith 5-11-7	Richard Guest
6	4P-0	WEST WITH THE WIND 17 (F,G) J Hellens 7-11-5	A Lamach (3)
7	-002	IMPERIAL BID 16 (G) Denys Smith 6-11-2	P Waggott (5)
8	003-	JOMOVE 29F (CD,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-12	P Niven
9	50-1	KAGRAM QUEEN 16 (CD,F) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-11	G Lee (7)
10	412-	CHADWICK'S GINGER 150 (F,G) W Timming 6-10-11	S Turner
11	500-	GOLDEN SAVANNAH 258 (S) M W Easterby 4-10-10	J Driscoll (7)
12	044-	EMERALD SEA 199 J Barclay 7-10-10	A Thornton
13	225-	SHAHGRAM 189 P Beaumont 6-10-9	R Supple
14	0/3	FANTASTICAL 19 (G) J J O'Neill 6-10-9	A Roche (5)
15	6-01	COOL DUDE 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Johnson 8-10-5	S Taylor (7)
16	50/	AIDE MEMOIRE 317F Mrs B Broad 5-10-5	K Johnson
17	022-	ON GOLDEN POND 158 (CD,G) G Moore 4-10-3	N Bentley
18	6553	PERSPICACITY 16 (F) Mrs J Mason 7-10-3	M A Fitzgerald
19	3F02	STAGS FELL 17 (CD,F,G) G Moore 9-10-2	J Callaghan
20	04-P	SKOLERN 54F (V,F,G) A Harrison 10-10-1	B Storey
21	/0-0	NORTH PRIDE 19 (F) M Barnes 9-10-0	G Cahill (7)

4-1 Kagram Queen, 5-1 Fantastical, 6-1 Imperial Bid, 7-1 Fiery Sun, 8-1 On Golden Pond, 10-1 Cool Dude, Stags Fell, 12-1 Perspicacity, 14-1 others.

2.40 VAUX BREWERIES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,735: 2m 5f) (9)

1	403-	BONANZA 181 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-12-0	R Hodge
2	/01-	LUPY MINSTREL 324 (CD,F,G,S) C Parker 9-11-0	B Storey
3	56-0	BLAZING DAWN 89 (G,S) V Thompson 7-10-12	Mr M Thompson
4	4P-5	BARKISLAND 69 (G,S) P Beaumont 10-10-9	R Supple
5	5P4-	BENBAN MARCH 145 (S) P Monteith 7-10-3	A Dobbin
6	0P50	HURRICANE TOMMY 40 (V,D,F,G) D Eddy 7-10-3	M A Fitzgerald
7	01F-	PINISI 124F (F) J Wharton 9-10-2	B Dalton
8	UF-6	HEATHVIEW 29 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-0	F Leahy (5)
9	5634	BISHOPDALE 14 (D,F,G,S) S Chadwick 13-10-0	K Johnson

2-1 Bonanza, 3-1 Lupy Minstrel, 6-1 Pinisi, Barkisland, 7-1 others.

3.10 NIGHT NURSE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,960: 3m 3f) (12)

1	351-	CHOCTAW 175 (CD,F,G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-11	C Hawkins
2	-025	EASTERN OASIS 19 (F,G,S) J Andrews 11-11-7	R Murphy (7)
3	FPP-	CONCERT PAPER 166 (V,G,S) M H Easterby 10-11-3	L Wyer
4	0-04	SOONER STILL 19 (B,F,G,S) C Cowley 10-11-1	Jody Davies (7)
5	P3-6	MOYODE REGENT 14 (CD,F) D Lamb 10-10-8	Mr A Manners (7)
6	-P52	BOREEN OWEN 14 (B,CD,S) J J O'Neill 10-10-7	R McGrath (7)
7	1FF-	NAWRIK 184 (S) L Lungo 5-10-7	F Perratt (5)
8	3311	JAUNTY GIG 14 (B,C,F,G) J Barlett 8-10-7	L O'Hara
9	F432	SINGING SAM 16 (G) W Cunningham 9-10-3	N Smith
10	-3P6	COUP DE CATHERINE 16 W Barker 8-10-0	G Harker
11	*P4-4*	*EDEN SUNSET 15 R Collins 8-10-0*	*F Leahy (5)*
12	6483	LITTLE GENERAL 14 (D,F) V Thompson 11-10-0	A Dobbin

5-2 Jaunty Gig, 7-2 Boreen Owen, 6-1 Choctaw, 8-1 Nawrik, 10-1 others.

3.40 JAYNE THOMPSON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£2,478: 2m 5f) (16)

1	2161	FINNEGANS WAKE 25 (D,G,S) B Rothwell 7-11-12	J Supple (5)
2	50-1	NORTHERN SQUIRE 20 (G,S) J Jefferson 6-11-6	T Reed
3	3-F3	UNOR 25 (F,G) P Monteith 8-11-4	A Dobbin
4	320-	ALI'S ALIBI 198 (S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0	P Niven
5	502-	CHANTRY BARTLE 154F (F,G,S) C Thornton 8-11-0	D Wilkinson
6	3-06	CHEEKY POT 29 (F,S) Denys Smith 6-11-0	P Waggott (5)
7	04-	GRAND PASHA 222 Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-0	F Leahy (5)
8	432-	JOHNS THE BOY 335 (G) N Mason 8-11-0	J Callaghan
9	5P5-	RALLYING CRY 286 R Allan 6-11-0	B Storey
10	4404	RICH NEPHEW 14 (F,G,S) V Thompson 9-11-0	Mr M Thompson
11	6RS-	SHELTON ABBEY 158 (F,G,S) J Wade 6-11-0	A Thornton
12	000-	CALL THE SHOTS 187 J Wade 5-10-12	K Jones
13	05-	SWEET CALLERNISH 231 J Johnson 5-10-12	M A Fitzgerald
14	2PP-	CHICHELL'S HURST 222 (S) Mrs P Sly 8-10-9	R Marley
15	630-	APRIL CITY 191 (S) C Smith 5-10-7	M Ranger
16	0-	MY GONNY 163 J Dodds 5-10-7	A Larnach (3)

3-1 Ali's Alibi, 9-2 Johns The Boy, 5-1 Northern Squire, 10-1 others.

4.10 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,837: 2m 1f 110yd) (14)

1		ROSTINO J Wade 5-11-6	D Ryan (7)
2		ELECTRONIC EEL Miss M Milligan 4-11-5	D Bentley (3)
3		MANDICAT Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-5	E Callaghan (7)
4		MURTON HEIGHTS Mrs K Tutty 4-11-5	Mr N Tutty
5		NISHVAMITRA C Thornton 4-11-5	Mark Roberts (7)
6		TOM BRODIE J Johnson 4-11-5	S Taylor (7)
7		XAVIER SON P Beaumont 4-11-5	B Grattan (7)
8	3P-	HUNTSBYDALE 178P Mrs P Sly 6-11-1	Miss L Allan
9		VICKYBERTO F Coton 5-11-1	Mrs S Acton
10		AFTER GRACE N Mason 4-11-0	J Supple (5)
11		INGRAM VALLEY D Moffatt 4-11-0	M Molloy (7)
12		PRICE OF GOLD F Watson 4-11-0	Mr A Robson
13		*RACHAEL'S DAWN J Eyre 4-11-0*	*F Leahy (5)*
14		SUMMER GHYLL M Barnes 4-11-0	G Cahill (7)

7-4 Nishvamitra, 5-2 Mandicat, 5-1 Tom Brodie, 8-1 Xavier Son, 10-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Nottingham: 3.50 Pacific Girl. Sedgefield: 2.40 Hurricane Tommy. Stratford: 4.00 Macedonas.

European Tour expands its frontiers

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN VALDERRAMA

IF YOU thought that all a professional golfer needed was 14 clubs and a caddie, then think again. These days an atlas is as important a piece of equipment as a 60-degree wedge, a one-iron and membership of an air-miles scheme.

As the 1994 season reaches its conclusion in Europe with the start today of the Volvo *Masters* here in Spain, the details of some of next year's events have emerged. For a tour that has the name of its home continent in its title it involves some pretty exotic non-European locations.

In 1995 the European Tour will play in Dubai, as this year, and the Asian Classic, which this year was held in Thailand, will be in the Philippines. In February, a tour event will be held in Southern Africa for the first time — at the *Wanderers* Club in Johannesburg, though since the total prize fund is £250,000 compared with £600,000 at the Alfred *Dunhill Open* in Belgium and £650,000 in the Benson and Hedges *International* at St Mellion, it seems rather a long way to go for so few rand.

Travel was on everyone's mind as the players gathered at Valderrama, the club near Gibraltar that will stage the 1997 Ryder Cup. Yesterday it basked beneath the sort of sun that is meant to shine in Spain but in recent years has rarely done so. Colin Montgomerie, Europe's No 1 for the second year in succession, explained that next year he will play more events in the US before the first two major championships of the year in order to prepare more thoroughly.

Montgomerie has reduced his stroke average in Europe from 70.81 to 69.61 in a season in which he has won three times and, week in and week out, has been the man to beat. "This time last year I said I would like to retain the order of merit and now I have done it," Montgomerie said. "Every year I have gone forward. I have played fewer tournaments and earned more money.

"It has been almost as good as it can be. I think I have improved in every aspect of the game but I need to improve on some of my mental mistakes and on some technical aspects. I have not won a major championship but it is nice to know I am capable of doing that."

Augusta, where it helps to be able to hit the ball from right to left, is a difficult course for Montgomerie, whose stock-in-trade shot is a slight fade. The US Open, on the other hand, places a premium on accurate driving, which is one of Montgomerie's many strengths.

"Hitting a draw is his problem and thus the Masters is going to be hard for him," Severiano Ballesteros said. "But there is no doubt he has the potential to win a US Open, as he showed this year."

Ballesteros made a valiant chase around Europe, enduring Arctic conditions in the Czech Republic last week, in an attempt to catch Montgomerie in the order of merit.

He failed, but considering that his year had begun with him in some pain in Arizona, where he went to train under the guidance of an expert to help his injured back, he should be delighted that he ran Montgomerie so close. At present he lies second in the money list, just ahead of José María Olazábal.

To round out the day's travel news, Olazábal announced he will not play any more on the US Tour in 1995 than he has done in other years.

As recently as last weekend the reigning Masters' champion was reported as being 50-50 about joining that tour, which would have been a grievous blow to events in his home continent.

"If they [the US Tour authorities] had reduced the number of events I had to play in from 15 to 12, I would have gone," Olazábal said. "But not now."

He will, however, play next month in the Grand Slam of Golf in Hawaii, competed for by the winners of the Masters, US Open, US PGA and the Open, en route to two events in Japan.

Then he will take his customary two-month break and re-emerge in February, when, presumably, he will have to hand his well-thumbed atlas as well as his airline timetable.

TOP TEN

EUROPEAN TOUR: Leading money-winners: 1, C Montgomerie (Scot) £964,671. 2, S Ballesteros (Sp) £740,682. 3, J M Olazábal (Sp) £726,172. 4, B Langer (Ger) £683,873. 5, M A Jiménez (Sp) £582,155. 6, E Els (SA) £498,959. 7, D Gilford (Eng) £471,647. 8, N Faldo (Eng) £469,978. 9, M Roe (Eng) £462,623. 10, V Singh (Fiji) £437,022.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Montgomerie, who has held on to his position as European No 1, drives at the 6th during the pro-am on the eve of the Volvo Masters

Relegation-threatened clubs ring changes

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TWO of England's leading rugby union clubs, both scrabbling around at the bottom of the first division, have made significant changes for Saturday's round of the Courage Clubs *Championship*. Nor is it coincidence that there has been criticism of the coaching administrators of both clubs, Gloucester and West Hartlepool.

It was a pound to a penny that when paid officials became accepted at club level, they would receive blame for whatever ills occurred. But no individual, whether it be Barrie Corless, at Gloucester, or Barry Taylor, at West Hartlepool — or even Ian McGeechan, at Northampton — can turn round club fortunes single-handedly or within a limited period.

The success of such as Bath and Leicester is founded on the work of years. Gloucester came late to an appreciation that their worthy tradition based on local strengths would not necessarily sustain them in an increasingly commercial league atmosphere; West Hartlepool have risen far comparatively quickly, perhaps stretching their resources on the way.

After the defeat by Sale last week, which left them on the bottom rung of the ladder, they have made three changes for the home game with Bristol on Saturday. The unfortunate prop, Dave Rusby, who missed most of last season with a badly damaged knee, may now miss much of this after an operation on torn biceps. He is replaced by Phil Lancaster, while Owain Evans is restored to the wing and Derrick Patterson to scrum half. Patterson is the subject of close scrutiny by the Scottish selectors, who will also hope to see Rob Wainwright back shortly.

"Our best three performances have been against the best three sides in the league," Steve Smith, a club spokesman, said. Since Bristol are fourth, perhaps another such showing is pending. Gloucester, meanwhile, take on Orrell with a reshuffled pack from that beaten by Northampton. Paul Ashmead joins the back row at the expense of Chris Raymond while Tony Windo and John Hawker return to the front row, an area where Mark Lewis caused some damage last weekend.

Australia's provisional World Cup squad of 45 includes David Giffin, of Queensland, who sustained two crushed vertebrae in June. His potential is such that the selectors have put him in the squad as the replacement for Garrick Morgan, who departed to rugby league last month.

☐ Mark Perego, the Wales flanker, is named in the Llanelli team to meet South Africa on Saturday, despite having played just once this season.

LLANELLI: I Jones; W Proctor, N Davies, N Boobyer, M Wintle; C Stephens, R Moon; R Evans, R McBryde, S John, P Davies, A Copsey, P Jones, J Williams, M Perego

Rugby rules out return to union at top level

BY DAVID HANDS

THE proposed revision of *rugby union's reinstatement* regulations will not mean the *return to international competition* of such recently departed players as Scott Gibbs, Scott Quinnell or Garrick Morgan, all now playing rugby league. Indeed, Dick McGruther, one of Australia's leading officials, emphasised yesterday that such thinking was far from his union's intention.

The meeting last week in Vancouver of the International Rugby Football Board recognised the threat that action in the civil courts posed to this particular section of the game's amateur regulations. But as Vernon Pugh, the board's chairman, is likely to underline at a press conference today, the onus is on rugby union to demonstrate a *"reasonable" attitude in its relationship with the professional code of rugby league.*

Hitherto league could rightly claim that union adopted a discriminatory attitude that offended the individual rights of players across the world. However, Australian and New Zealand officials have been asked to redraft the contentious regulation seven in a manner that will satisfy civil courts the world over.

"Our concern has been with guys at the end of their careers who want to play recreational rugby union," McGruther, the chairman of the Australian Rugby Union's amateurism committee, said. "What we did not want is for younger players, like Morgan, going to league in the knowledge that they might take the money and then come back to union."

Australia seeks a "stand-down" probationary period of two years (three years is the preferred interval in England) during which returning rugby league players qualify through services to rugby union for reinstatement, but their participation would not extend beyond club level.

"It's a question of being seen to be reasonable, whether in Australia or the UK," McGruther said. "The courts might deem three years to be a considerable period out of the shelf-life of a player but our legal advice is that, provided we show a reasonable attitude, we will have the right to control our game."

Local derby for London outpost

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

CONVERTING the home counties may remain something of a rugby league pipedream, but the first genuine derby match in the South East, a Regal Trophy first-round tie between London Broncos and Hemel Hempstead next month, offers one more small step forward.

It is not inconceivable that the area could have two professional teams next season. Hemel Hempstead are lying second in the premier division of the National Conference. Should they win it, they would be knocking on the door for admittance to the second division of the Stones Bitter championship.

Like most amateur sides confronted by professional opposition, they are likely to find the going too tough. But the fact that Barnet Copthall Stadium will stage a match against local opposition for the first time is a fillip for the game's development.

Most of the amateur sides were overwhelmed last season and it is a pity that the Rugby Football League did not reverse its decision to draw them automatically away to second division opposition.

Two of the best performances last year came from Woolston, who are at Rochdale Hornets, and Saddleworth Rangers, who return to Swinton after pushing them virtually all the way in 1994. Perhaps the best chances of upsets, though, are at Highfield and Bramley, who entertain Ovenden and Mysons, the respective Pennine and Humberside amateur champions.

The draw yesterday produced an outstanding derby tie between Leigh and Leigh Miners. Two of the three former professional clubs, Chorley and Blackpool, will not relish trips to Keighley and Huddersfield, while the third, Nottingham, who have conceded 434 points in six matches in the second division of the Conference, are unlikely to find sanctuary at Barrow.

For a third year, two French sides are included. St Estève ran out of steam in London last season but Hunslet should prove less fearsome opponents. The chances of XIII Catalan progressing to the second round at the expense of second-placed Dewsbury are not as good.

Laurent Lucchese, the French under-21 international, has rejoined Huddersfield, following the settlement of a dispute between the club and the French federation.

☐ Following the first international match between Great Britain amateurs and South Africa earlier this year, which finished in a 28-28 draw, Great Britain will return in March to play internationals in Johannesburg and Soweto as part of South Africa's preparation for the World Cup to be held in Britain next year.

"South Africa have been drawn in the same World Cup group as England, Australia and Fiji and it is crucial that their preparations are fully supported by the rugby league community in line with the International Board's development policy," Maurice Oldroyd, the chief executive of the British Amateur Rugby League Association, said.

Trophy draw, page 44

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A shaky community

Simple Gifts, *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

The Shakers, a religious sect created in Manchester from a rib of the Quakers 220 years ago, are visited by Bernard Jackson. Just in time, it would seem. There used to be 9,000 Shakers in 24 communities scattered across the north-eastern states of America. Now, there are only eight Shakers left, living in one community, in Portland, Maine. They lead celibate lives, have no creed, substitute community parentage for the conventional family set-up, and are self-supporting. They have been called fools by outsiders who have not taken the trouble to find out what kind of spiritual commitment lies behind their eccentric-sounding name. "If we're fools for Christ's sake, well that's OK" just about sums up their philosophy.

The Road to Volokolamsk, *Radio 3, 9.30pm.*

By itself, this five-part adaptation of the German playwright Heiner Müller's political poem may not be enough to win him wider acceptance over here. What it boils down to is: can we be sure we understand exactly what is going on? The key that will open some stubbornly locked doors is the poem's *leitmotif* — the contradictions in a socialist system forced to kill the very people on whose behalf it is acting. *Centaurs*, tonight's play, is clearly indebted to Kafka's *Metamorphosis in which man turns into insect*. In *Centaurs*, a secret police officer (Ian McDiarmid) turns into his own desk when the state purges itself of all crime.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes with the Early Breakfast Show 8.30 Steve Wright in the Morning 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud, including at 12.30 12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier Roadshow, including at 3.45 Superman: Doomsday and Beyond 4.00 Claire Sturgess with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Kennedy — NYC: Live from New York, Kennedy, the 21-year-old VJ for MTV, is joined by indie band Gigolo Aunts 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Jo Whiley

RADIO 2

When Home is Where the Hurt Is: The second of a three-day campaign on domestic violence

FM Stereo. 3.00am Alex Lester 6.00 Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 Paul Heiney 7.00 The News Huddlines 7.30 Country Club 9.00 Paul Jones presents rhythm and blues 9.45 Gospel Train, from the New Testament Church of God, Sheffield 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Charles Nove with Night Ride 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 9.40 Film Review; 10.35 Europews; 11.15 Gut Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 Women on Top 8.35 The Poms Down Under: Peter Baxter recalls the 1970/71 tour led by Ray Illingworth 9.05 SportsAmerica 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves 2.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazine 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 Network UK 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Good Books 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News 9.05 Business Report 9.15 From Our Own Correspondent 9.30 The Farming World 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 News 10.01 Assignment 10.30 The Litmus Test 11.00 Newsdesk 11.15 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Multitrack: X-Press 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 The Learning World 3.00 News 3.15 The Greenfield Collection 4.00 News 4.10 British News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business Report 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 8.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Kaleidoscope 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Network UK 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 The Litmus Test 12.00 News 12.15am Music Review 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 On the Move 1.45 Global Concerns 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Death Comes Staccato 3.00 News 3.10 British News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Angela Rippon 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyte

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 **Op'Air**, with Andrew McGregor. Tallis (Lamentations of Jeremiah, part 2); Dvořák (Walpurgis Night, Bohemian Forest, Op 68 No 3); Milhaud (Le Carnaval d'Aix, Op 83b); Paderewski (Menuet célèbre, Op 14 No 1); Bach (Flute Sonata in C, BWV 1033); Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 2 No 6)
9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Weber, presented by William Mival. Overture: Der Freischütz; Clarinet Quintet in B flat; Der Freischütz, excerpts
10.00 **Musical Encounters**, with Maid Nicolson from Manchester. *Artist of the Week*: John Barbirolli, conductor. Ireland (Mal-Dun: Hallé); Biber (Sonatas: No 6 in F; No 8 in G); Beethoven (12 Variations on a Russian Dance: Olli Mustonen, piano); Bax (*The Garden of Fand*); Szymanowski (Mythes: Lorraine McAslan, violin, Nigel Clayton, piano); Bennett (The Flowers of the Forest: Desford Colliery Band under James Watson); Schubert (Abendstern; Der Tod und das Mädchen); Sibelius (Pohjola's Daughter)
12.00 **Ensemble**: Britten Quartet, with Bernard Roberts, piano, performs Brahms (Variations on a Hungarian Song, Op 21 No 2; String Quartet in C minor, Op 51 No 1; Variations on an Original Theme, Op 21 No 1) (r)
1.00pm **Opera Matinée**: L'Opera Seria, by Florian Leopold Gassman. Concerto Köln under René Jacobs performs a rarely performed three-act opera by one of Mozart's contemporaries
4.25 **Bartók and Ravel**: Rebecca Hirsch, violin, John Lenehan, piano, play Bartók (Sonata No 2); Ravel (Tzigane) (r)
5.00 **The Music Machine**: Sarah Walker interviews the composer Frank Denyer
5.15 **Iz Tuse**, with Geoffrey Beskerville from Glasgow. 6.03 Dvořák (Overture: Othello); 7.03 Juan Aranés (Un sarao de la Chacona)
7.30 **Olga Borodina in Concert**: Live from the Wigmore Hall, London, the mezzo-soprano performs an all-Tchaikovsky programme. With Semion Skigin on the piano. Tchaikovsky (My protector, my angel, my friend; Heed not, my love; Not a word, beloved; Why; None by the lonely heart; Acquiescence; The frightening moment; It happened in the early Spring; Nights of delirium). 8.20 If Pigs Could Fly, read by David Horovitch (r). 8.40 Tchaikovsky (Gipsy girl's song; The stars looked tenderly on us; This, our first reunion; Indoors, the lights were being put out; Serenade; Night; The sun has slipped from sight; Once again, alone)
9.30 **The Road to Volokolamsk**: See Choice
9.45 **Frank Bridge**: The Brindisi Quartet performs String Quartet No 4
10.15 **The Guitar in Jazz** (r)
10.45 **Night Waves**
11.30-12.30am **Voices**: A tribute to Peter Warlock

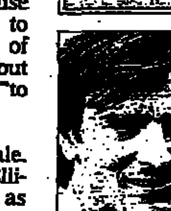
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.30 **Opinion**: Is the Force with You? PC Dick Guest argues that the police spend too much time engaged in community work
10.00 **News; Beau Geste** (FM only): Episode three of P.C. Wren's Foreign Legion adventure
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **Children's Radio 4: The Spying Game** (LW), by Pat Moon (4/5)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**: Marguerite Patten talks about British cuisine. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent**
12.00 **News; You and Yours**, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm **Curious Cooks**: Sophie Grigson and guest Joan Morgan, author of *The Book of Apples*, visit the Brogdale Horticultural Trust 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Plays for Today: Public Order**, by Matthew Solon. Linda Willoughby, a middle-aged solicitor living in Preston, witnesses a violent attack on a demonstrator at an anti-road protest. With the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill in its final Parliamentary stages, she finds herself at the heart of a debate that has an impact on her professional and personal life. With Kay Stonham
3.00 **Anderson Country**
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope**: Includes a review of Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya* at Theatr Clwyd, starring Anthony Hopkins
4.45 **Short Story: Hemraity**, by Tom MacDonagh
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation**: How to Be a Father — Part 1
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **Simple Gifts**: See Choice
8.00 **Analysis**: Susie Symes asks how countries should define their national interest
8.45 **Powerful Substances**: Mike Harding explores the secretive past of cotton merchants in Lancashire and the thriving textile industry in the north of England
9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?**
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Los Angeles without a Map**. Shaun Prendegast reads the seventh part of Richard Rayner's novel
11.00 **Stanza**: Simon Armitage listens to the poetry and music of traditional ballads
11.30 **This Happy Breed** (FM only): Jennifer Holden at Pluscarden Abbey in the north of Scotland (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW only)
12.00-12.43am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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First time out, a good bet to go the distance

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

You can imagine the fevered debate that must have taken place at Yorkshire Television. "Right, we've signed up Chris Ellison, but we need a name for his new show. Any ideas?" "How about *Ellison*, boss?" "Don't be silly, this is drama, not light entertainment. Or *Emmerdale*, come to that. Think again." "I know boss, how about *Ellington*?" "Ellington, Ellington? Yes, I like that. I like that a lot. Different, but not an 'ell of a lot different."

And so it was, give or take a witty exchange or two, that **Ellington** (ITV) was born, unmistakably as a star vehicle for Ellison, whose past life as DI Burnside from *The Bill* has established him as a master of the roguish twinkle and sparkling underworld repartee.

If the characterisation is familiar so indeed is the basic plot. *Boon* and *Minder* are just two of a long list of programmes that hove into memory as we were introduced to Ellington, a sports promoter who runs a string of snooker players and boxers. Barry Hearn heads a shorter list from real life that also springs to mind.

Ellington is Essex man as stereotyped. A man who gets nose bleeds when he gets too far from Marble Arch, a man whose idea of a quiet evening out is a noisy night-club and going home with the singer, a man who tells his young snooker pro "You done good" when he's 7-1 down against Jimmy White in the World Championship. Ellington's man eventually wins, of course — but then, doesn't everyone from 7-1 down against Jimmy White.

So far, so expected. But also so far, so reasonably good — raising the chances of this 90-minute pilot becoming a series. Even while we were still deciding whether Ellington is a good guy or a bad guy, the script had him on the ropes. His driver had run off with the float (cash not milk); his finance director had squandered the client account on dodgy letters of credit; and worst of all, some uppy tart (to use the vernacular) was trying to muscle in on his action. All, of course, was happily resolved but with enough loose ends to write "to be continued" all over it.

Some, most of them female, will have watched for Ellison, who takes to the part as if it was written for him. Others will have been hooked by his hair — how does he get it to go in quite so many directions? Others still will have enjoyed watching a strong supporting cast booking their places for the series, led by Anna Chancellor as Ellington's glamorous rival, Sean Chapman as his glamorous brother and Maureen O'Farrell as his long suffering, inwardly glamorous p.a.

Deserving of special mention is Julian Firth, who responded to being cast as Chancellor's conspiring side-kick with an unwitting but arrestingly accurate impersonation of her *Four Weddings* co-star, Hugh Grant.

If *Ellington* wasn't enough testosterone for one night you could have switched over to BBC 1 for the last half-hour of **Between the Lines**, where Tony Clark took a further foray into the private sector as security manager at a large London hotel. Having made a promising return last week, the series stumbled, with an episode whose plot defied explanation.

"If you tell me I have been running interference for the CIA I shall be extremely ..." — disappointed was probably the word Clark (Neil Pearson) was struggling for as he confronted the evil but increasingly essential Deakin with about two minutes to go. For goodness sake, if the main character hadn't worked out what was going on by this stage what hope was there for the rest of us?

"I want to know about Hagopian and I want to know about Kaplan," shouted Pearson, presumably cross about an episode in which he spent more time looking seriously cherubic in a dinner jacket than seriously sexy. Yes, we shouted back, so do we, so do we. Who were they, and could they perhaps explain why Harry Naylor was beating seven bells out of a champagne-swindling waiter in the sub-basement sub-plot?

For a man who began the episode by warning Clark "to go easy on imaginary terrorists" it was a bold — some would say foolish — move for Deakin to introduce Mossad into the equation at this late stage. Not to mention a briefcase nuclear bomb. A slight sense of regret that it hadn't gone off 55 minutes earlier hung in the air.

A slight sense of something pretty similar was hanging in the air as I watched **Next** (BBC 2). Regret, déjà-vu, betrayal — or a mixture of all three? But whichever it was, there was no doubting what had sparked it — the appearance of John Noakes and Valerie Singleton in the same programme. Not a programme for the children they made earlier, the thirtysomethings of today, but for their parents, the fifty- and sixty-somethings, encouraging them to go out and tackle new challenges.

The good news for those who care is that both seem gloriously unchanged. Noakes may be a little greyer than before, Singleton mysteriously a little less so, but their television characters remain the same. However much he protests his dislike for the persona, Noakes still plays the incompetent idiot with equal measures of conviction and charm. Singleton is still serious and sexy.

Cast somewhat unfairly in the role of Christopher Trace or Peter Purves (delete as per vintage) is Marti Caine, who links the film reports, which yesterday dealt with such diverse subjects as mature Oxford students, bowls and age discrimination. Caine's links come at the end of her own reports rather than from the studio, imparting a slight deadening effect on the proceedings. Might I suggest a studio, a bench, a couple of dogs, a Siamese cat ..?

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (83621)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34141621)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical studio discussion (9346422)
10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1843060) **10.05 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick** (15035331)
12.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1809824) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** (s) (3213737) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26880195)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (18756)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (89385640)
1.50 Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes. Recipes which can be served as puddings (s) (66027331)
2.05 FILM: Smokey and the Good Time Outlaws (1978) starring Jesse Turner and Dennis Fimple. Comedy adventure about a couple who dream of hitting the big time as country and western stars. Directed by Alex Grasshoff (4791756)
3.30 The Little Polar Bear (s) (3834963) **3.35 William's Wish Wellingtons** (s) (1897094) **3.40 Fireman Sam** (r) (1856639) **3.50 Brum** (s) (2642485) **4.10 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6138263) **4.35 Pirates** (Ceefax) (s) (9369553)
5.00 Newsround (8752263) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (5709114)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (538195)
6.00 News (Ceefax) and Weather (824)
6.30 Regional news magazines (176)
7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (3534)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (260)
8.00 Children's Hospital. Real-life drama from Sheffield children's Hospital (Ceefax) (2282)
8.30 Waiting for God starring Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowden (Ceefax) (s) (8089)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (4485)
9.30 Chef! with Lenny Henry. Gareth has to prove he is the best chef in Britain (Ceefax) (s) (73534)

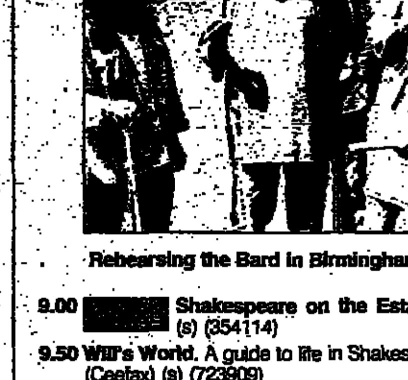


Drs Arif Jiwani and Paola Vigano (10.00pm)

10.00 [CHOICE] **Inside Story: Junior Doctors — Life on Call** (Ceefax) (s) (180992) **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight 10.35 Inside Story 11.25 Question Time 12.30am FILM: The Boy Who Had Everything **Wales:** 10.00 The State 10.30 Domestic Violence Week 10.35 Inside Story 11.25 Question Times 12.25am Midnight Caller 1.10-2.40 FILM: The Murders in the Rue Morgue
10.50 Question Time with David Dimbleby. The guests ar Daniel Finkelstein, director of the Social Market Foundation, Denise Searle, editor of the monthly political magazine, *Red Pepper*, and MPs Gerry Malone and Margaret Beckett. (Ceefax) (882973)
11.50 Midnight Caller starring Gary Cole as the late-night disc jockey (Ceefax) (s) (631621)
12.40am FILM: The Murders in the Rue Morgue (1986) starring George C. Scott and Rebecca De Mornay. Horror on the streets of Paris in 1899. Directed by Jeannot Szwarc (Ceefax) (2973022)
2.10-2.15 Weather (6358521)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (62217)

BBC2

7.00 Philbert the Frog (r) (s) (6815669) **7.05 Poddington Peas** (r) (6607640) **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (Ceefax) (r) (2054319) **7.35 Smart** (Ceefax) (r) (7409089)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (3261008)
8.15 Westminster Daily. A review of yesterday's proceedings in Parliament (5654621)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (s) (2387669) **1.45** Storytime (68033992) **2.00** Wishing (r) (s) (37900602)
2.10 Fonda on Fonda. A tribute to Henry Fonda hosted by his daughter Jane (2069089)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** (7833114) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9878305)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (319)
4.30 From the Edge. Report on the lives and hopes of disabled people in South Africa (Ceefax) (973)
5.00 Home Front. Series dealing with furnishing and decorating the home (r) (4640)
5.30 Catchword. Word game (s) (553)
6.00 FILM: Yellowstone Kelly (1959). Western starring Clint Walker and Edward Byrnes. An Indian scout is caught between the Sioux and the US cavalry when he shelters a beautiful Indian girl. Directed by Gordon Douglas (19534) **Wales:** Pitch Invasion 6.15 The Big Trip 7.00 All Black
7.30 First Sight: The Battle of the Buses. The success of the Stagecoach bus company (602) **Wales:** Wipeout; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North West and North East:** Close-Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South West:** Close-Up; **West:** Close-Up West
8.00 The Edge presented by Cameron McNeish (Ceefax) (s) (8404)
8.30 Top Gear. Michael Schumacher drives the new Ford Mustang (s) (9331)



Rehearsing the Bard in Birmingham (9.00pm)

9.00 [CHOICE] **Shakespeare on the Estate** (Ceefax) (s) (354114)
9.50 Will's World. A guide to life in Shakespeare's time (Ceefax) (s) (723909)
10.00 Naked Video 33 1/3 A chance to see highlights from the series (r) (44534) **Wales:** University Challenge
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (420282)
11.15 Late Review introduced by Mark Lawson (s) (912973) **11.55 Weather** (733263)
12.00 FILM: Cobra Verde (1988) starring Klaus Kinski. Off beat drama about a Mexican bandit, directed by Werner Herzog (403913) Ends at **1.50am**

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CHOICE

Shakespeare on the Estate
BBC2, 9.00pm

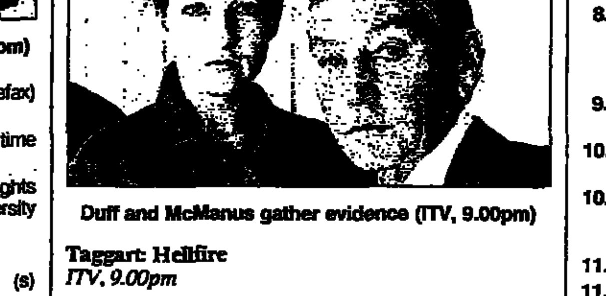
The theatre director Michael Bogdanov sets out to persuade the sceptical residents of a run-down Birmingham housing estate of the merits of William Shakespeare. "Who cares about Shakespeare? This is Ladywood. All we want to do is get drunk and be merry," is a typical response. Bogdanov's cheery enthusiasm and chummy manner gradually win the doubters over. By the third week folk are spouting Shakespeare all over the place. Juliet appears on the balcony of her tower block, Lady Macduff holds forth despite competition from her crying baby and Prospero serenely prunes his roses. Bogdanov is "exhilarated" but will his protégés keep it up once the television cameras have departed?

Critical Eye: Living With the Bunker
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A photojournalist, Paul Halliday, reports in angry words and evocative pictures on racism in the London Borough of Greenwich. After the deaths of Stephen Lawrence and other black youths, Greenwich has earnt the unwanted title of racial murder capital of Britain. Halliday claims that a central factor in the rise of racial violence is the "bunker", the headquarters of the British National Party in nearby Bexley. He finds the black community living in constant fear of abuse and attack, disillusioned with the police and divided over whether to meet BNP violence with violence or to pursue a more moderate line. Halliday also castigates the media for going after sensational stories and ignoring the day-to-day realities.

Inside Story: Junior Doctors
BBC1, 10.00pm

All the tales you have heard about rookie doctors working ridiculously long hours would appear to be true. Despite a Government promise to cut the working week to a maximum of 72 hours this year and 56 next, one of the junior doctors featured in Malcolm Brinkworth's film knocks up 106. But for a day off for a Bank Holiday, it would have been even more. No wonder Dr Arif Jiwani wonders whether he is in the right job. In the middle of a 56-hour shift, and very short of sleep, Dr Stephen Chang is surprised there have been no big mistakes. As if the long hours are not enough, these young medics have suddenly to learn how to comfort the dying, pacify awkward patients and be in several places at the same time.



Duff and McManus gather evidence (ITV, 9.00pm)

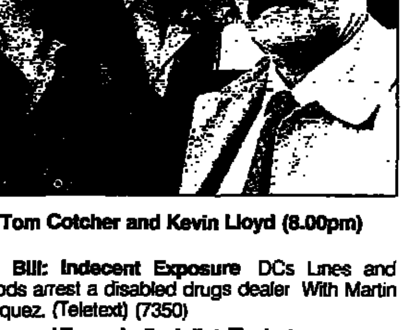
Taggart: Hellfire
ITV, 9.00pm

Trust Glenn Chandler, the creator of *Taggart*, to come up with a grisly scenario. A whisky baron has been murdered with a chainsaw and there is blood everywhere. Since it is walpurgis night, there are hints of black magic. Or the explanation may be more prosaic, that the man was killed by his son for the £4½ million family fortune. In an echo of recent real cases, woman detective Jackie Reid (Blythe Duff) is deputed to go undercover and become intimate with the suspect in the hope of getting a confession. Perhaps Scottish courts look on such subterfuges more favourably than English ones. Mark McManus's Taggart stays well in the background. A newcomer to the series would never guess he is the star.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (45241379) **8.40 Parkin's in ...** Simon Parkin introduces cartoons (3589244)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (9406447) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2364718)
10.00 The Time ... The Place. John Stapleton hosts a topical discussion (s) (1832282)
10.35 This Morning (99910718) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) (1805008)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (8782331)
12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (8790350)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (81955621)
1.55 Vanessa. Vanessa Feltz discusses compulsive shoppers (s) (17117927) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (53955640) **2.50 Gardeners' Diary** (1261640)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6647669) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (6639640)
3.30 The Riddlers (4464379) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (2047337) **3.50 Britt Allcroft's Magic Adventures of Mumfie** (s) (4468195) **4.05 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (9090447) **4.20 Garfield and Friends** (r) (6152843) **4.45 Bad Influence!** (s) (9350805)
5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (9582621)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (157379)
5.55 Your Shout. Video soapbox (513027)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (992)
6.30 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (244)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (8602)
7.30 The Big Story presented by Dermot Murnaghan (s) (756)

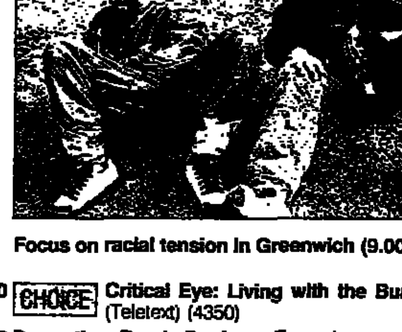


Tom Cotcher and Kevin Lloyd (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Indecent Exposure DCs Lines and Woods arrest a disabled drugs dealer. With Martin Marquez. (Teletext) (7350)
8.30 Blues and Twos: India Juliet. The last programme in the series takes to the air with the Coastguard's Lee-on-Solent search and rescue helicopter team. (Teletext) (s) (6485)
9.00 [CHOICE] **Taggart: Hellfire** (Teletext) (s) (3008)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (31060) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) (992534)
10.40 Revelations. Episode four of a 26-part drama about the family of a wealthy Church of England bishop (s) (283282)
11.10 Big City. What's on in London (s) (351263)
11.40 Time Out With ... Arthur Smith. The comedian takes us on a personal tour of London (s) (502195)
12.10am The Beat (r) (s) (5449393)
1.10 The Little Picture Show (r) (4242596)
2.10 The Album Show (r) (s) (6096848)
3.10 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (36464867)
3.40 Quiz Night. Stuart Hall quizzes teams from Grey College in Durham and the County Hotel in Harrogate (62568008)
4.10 Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to people who are accused of, or witnesses to murder (9591428) **5.00 Videofashion** (r) (15312)
5.30 ITN Morning News (70190). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am King Arthur and the Knights of Justice Animation (r) (7833089)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (81909)
9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (58737)
9.30 Schools: Middle English (8191331) **9.45** The Maths Programme (5103379) **10.05** Scientific Eye (2371008) **10.27** Geographical Eye (5137089) **10.50** Your World (5517553) **11.00** Believe It or Not (9833466) **11.16** Changing Wales (9812973) **11.40** The French Programme (3823718)
12.00 House to House. Political news (38973)
12.30pm Sesame Street (91814)
1.30 Lift Off. Live action and animation (s) (85379)
2.00 FILM: At War with the Army (1950, b/w). Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis make a song-and-dance about life in the military. With Polly Bergen. Directed by Hal Walker (494911)
3.40 The Singing Trophy. A short film from New Zealand about a hunter's obsession with his fantasy world of singing trophies (2639911)
4.00 Members Only: Painting Their Corners. Ray Gosling listens to opposing factions of artists in St Ives, Cornwall. (Teletext) (s) (485)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (669)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Children are encouraged to express their feelings about their elderly parents. (Teletext) (s) (5343824)
5.50 Terrytoons. Cartoon fun (596350)
6.00 Home Improvement. American domestic comedy series about the host of a television DIY programme (r). (Teletext) (s) (534)
6.30 Roseanne (r). (Teletext) (s) (114)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (873878)
7.50 Belfast Lessons (205176)
8.00 Wildshots: Spanish Safari. Scorpions, lizards and vultures are just some of the wildlife waiting to be photographed an hour's drive from one of Spain's most popular resorts. (r). (Teletext) (s) (5992)
8.30 Screaming Reels. Snook hunting in Florida and fishing for wild brown trout in Caithness. (Teletext) (s) (4027)



Focus on racial tension in Greenwich (9.00pm)

9.00 [CHOICE] **Critical Eye: Living with the Bunker** (Teletext) (4350)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Topical newsroom comedy series (s) (39602)
10.30 Bakersfield PD. American police comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (779060)
11.05 Hookers, Hustlers, Pimps and Their Johns. Director Beeban Kidron's view of the sexual marketplace in New York (r). (Teletext) (639981)
12.35am The World of Hammer (9810138)
1.05 Dispatches (r) (Teletext) (9351799)
1.50 FILM: Rigoletto (1947, b/w). The Royal Opera House in Rome is the setting for Carmine Gallone's film of a spectacular performance of Verdi's opera, conducted by Tulio Serafin. With Tito Gobbi in the title role and Mario Filippeschi as the Duke of Mantua. Directed by Carmine Gallone (909916). Ends at **3.40**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (89380195) 2.50-3.20 Take the High Road (1261640) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9582621) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (206756) 10.40 Marquee (283282) 11.10 Phoenix (339404) 12.10am Married with Children (8226577) 12.35 Tropical Heat (2533480) 1.30 Superstars of Wrestling (1426916) 2.15 America's Top Ten (3760515) 2.40 The Quiet Woman (9997732) 3.50 Get Stuffed (60439393) 4.00 Jobfinder (6035041) 4.35-5.30 Cue the Music (5949751)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89380195) 2.50-3.20 Take the High Road (1261640) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9582621) 6.25 Central News and Weather (684027) 6.55-7.00 Life Line (605224) 10.30-10.40 Central News and Weather (992534) 11.10 B.L. Stryker (404195) 12.05am-1.10 Profile (2369190) 4.10 Jobfinder (5348916) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (8164935)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55pm Home and Away (8790350) 1.25 Emmerdale (81955621) 1.55 Vanessa (89380195) 2.20 Good Advice (53947621) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (1261640) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (9582621) 6.25 Granada Tonight (206756) 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale (8602) 10.40 Revelations (283282) 11.10 The Good Sex Guide (351263) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (388992) 12.35am Tropical Heat (2533480) 1.30 Superstars of Wrestling (1426916) 2.15 America's Top Ten (3760515) 2.40 The Quiet Woman (9997732) 3.50 Get Stuffed (60439393) 4.00 Jobfinder (6035041) 4.35-5.30 Cue the Music (5349751)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.25pm Gardening Time (53946992) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (7418843) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (9582621) 5.55 Home and Away (534379) 6.25-7.00 HTV News (206756) 10.40 The Good Sex Guide (283282) 11.10 Midweek (351263) 11.40 The West This Week (502195) 12.10am Married with Children (8226577) 12.35 Tropical Heat (2533480) 1.30 Superstars of Wrestling (1426916) 2.15 America's Top Ten (3760515) 2.40 The Quiet Woman (9997732) 3.50 Get Stuffed (60439393) 4.00 Jobfinder (6035041) 4.35-5.30 Cue the Music (5949751)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (206756) 7.30-8.00 Wales This Week (756) 11.10 A Welsh Life (351263) 11.40-12.10am The Big Story (502195)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89380195) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (1261640) 3.25-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (6639640) 5.10 Home and Away (9582621) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes — Crimestoppers (593263) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (992) 6.30-7.00 Time Off (244) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (992534) 10.40 The Magic and Mystery Show (283282) 11.10-12.10am Magnum (339404) 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (15312)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 2.25 The Sullivans (53946992) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9582621) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (98485) 10.40 Westcountry Focus: Fair's Fair (283282) 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (313553) 12.05am Coach (2065175) 12.35 Tropical Heat (2533480) 1.30 Superstars of Wrestling (1426916) 2.15 America's Top Ten (3760515) 2.40 The Quiet Woman (9997732) 3.50 Get Stuffed (60439393) 4.00 Jobfinder (6035041) 4.35-5.30 Cue the Music (5949751)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.20pm Vanessa (53947621) 2.50-3.20 The Young Doctors (1261640) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9582621) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (299331) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (244) 10.30 Calendar News and Weather (992534) 10.40 Edit V (413392) 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (318008) 12.20am Rollerball (85122916) 2.35 America's Top Ten (4853193) 3.05 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (38465596) 3.35 Five Maidens from Outer Space (6170312) 4.50-5.30 Jobfinder (3084954)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (81909) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (58737) 9.30 Ysgolion/schools (202060) 12.00 House to House (38973) 12.30pm Slot Meithrin: Fflacid A Nr (86008) 1.00 Hullabelloo (31486) 1.30 For Love or Money (41373) 2.30 Members Only: All the King's Men (805) 3.00 Ride On (4263) 3.30 Ricki Lake (591337) 4.20 Mighty Hero (7342398) 4.30 The Cosby Show: It's a Boy (669) 5.00 5 Pump — Noc Noc (6008) 5.30 Fifteen to One (621) 6.00 Newyddion 6/ News (970398) 6.20 Hero (296379) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (8244) 7.30 Nosen Lawen (59195) 8.30 Newyddion/news (4027) 9.00 Pobl Y Chyff Merched Y Wawr (7195) 9.30 Paris Le Cirque (66244) 10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey: Helen's Parents (39602) 10.30 Alan Bleasdale Presents: Pleasure (29629602) 12.25am The Wasted Windfall (5443119)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (49249422) 8.40 Cartoons (8344973) 9.30 Card Sharks (9072060) 9.55 Concentration (9097379) 10.25 Dynamo Duck (2743718) 10.30 New Candid Camera (96911) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (34718) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (87263) 12.30pm E Street (37756) 1.00 Falcon Crest (25911) 2.00 Hart to Hart (95331) 3.00 The Heights (6943447) 3.45 The DJ Kat Show (1201195) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (3553) 6.00 Gamesworld (6756) 6.30 Spellbound (7008) 7.00 E Street (4282) 7.30 M*A*S*H (6992) 8.00 Sightings (80008) 9.00 LA Law (40244) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (43331) 11.00 David Letterman (206824) 11.45 Booker (107718) 12.45am Barney Miller (68577) 1.15-1.45 Night Court (56190)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1881089) 9.30 E News (24282) 10.30 Nightline (94553) 1.30pm CBS This Morning (34689) 2.30 Parliament (3669) 5.00 Littlejohn (10089) 9.30 Worldwide Report (15534) 11.30 CBS Evening News (21756) 12.30am ABC News (87139) 1.10 Littlejohn (1603157) 2.10 Newswatch (5997206) 2.30 Parliament (22751) 3.30 Parliament (13003) 4.30 CBS Evening News (54886) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (36770)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2279756) 10.00 Age of Treason (1993): Detective story (67292027) 11.40 Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines (1965): Madcap aeroplane race (71869282) 2.00pm The Dove (1974). Drama (67911) 4.00 At the Earth's Core (1976), with Doug McClure (35846331) 5.55 Age of Treason: As 10am (56384398) 7.30 E! News Week in Review (1060) 8.00 Soft Top, Hard Shoulder (1992): Comedy (58992) 10.00 Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992). Vampire legend (98012737) 12.10am Hard to Kill (1990): Murder (348480) 1.45 Top Secret! (1984). Cold War spoof (914190) 3.15-5.00 Alligator II — The Mutation (1990). Drama (53773157)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Lovers! (1972): Spin-off from the 1970s television series (49553) 8.00 Sunset Boulevard (1950): Satire (51398) 10.00-12.00 Don't Look Now (1973): Dark tale (12373)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Black Sleep (1956): Horror tale (65466) 8.00 The Pied Piper of Hamelin (99843) 9.00 Brer Rabbit Christmas Carol (9391176) 10.10 Of Mice and Men (1992): Drama (43874843) 12.00 Baby on Board (1992): Comic thriller (59896) 2.00pm Fifth Avenue Girl (1939): Comedy (765911) 3.50 The Pied Piper of Hamelin: As 8am (4089089) 4.50 Brer Rabbit Christmas Carol: As 9am (4585553) 6.00 Of Mice and Men: As 10.10am (52089) 8.00 The Finest Hour (1993), starring Rob Lowe (57534) 10.00 Scent of a Woman (1992): with Al Pacino (55422008) 12.35am Birds in Paradise (1993): Erotic drama (21377) 2.10 Persona (1966): Psycho-drama (4772751) 3.35-5.00 Far Out Man (1990): Hippie tale (23210041)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (6375553) 7.15 WWF Challenge (757602) 8.15 Soccer News (3922422) 8.30 They Must Be Mad (85992) 9.00 Extreme (76244) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (19447) 10.00 Rugby Club (74350) 11.00 Get Your Handicap Down (83621) 11.30 NBA Magazine (64350) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (96008) 12.30pm Golf (36331) 1.30 Grass Roots Rugby (12534) 2.00 ATP Tennis (5008) 2.30 WTA Tennis (41553) 4.30 Speed and Beauty (9621) 5.00 WWF All American (8195) 6.00 Soccer News (676195) 6.15 Sports Classics (684350) 6.30 Rugby Union (1486) 7.00 A to Z of Sport (44486) 8.00 US PGA, live (84602) 10.00 Soccer News (180350) 10.15 A to Z of Sport (902350) 11.15-1.15am Golf (108992)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (70534) 8.00 Equestrianism (89071) 9.00 Eurotennis (78963) 10.00 Dancing (76718) 11.00 Olympic Magazine (89282) 12.00 Motors (27466) 1.00pm Eurofun (36114) 2.00 Live Golf (94089) 4.00 Tennis (396331) 6.30 News (6534) 7.00 Wrestling (99534) 8.00 Combat Sports (44422) 9.00 Boxing (79282) 10.30 Tennis (91553) 11.00 Sailing (77447) 12.00-12.30am News (66935)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Travel Destinations (5384379) 12.30pm Kids Down Under (5534350) 1.00 Cruising the Globe (1932240) 1.30 Hawaii Cooks (5533621) 2.00 American Adventurer (5811992) 2.30 Cooking in America (6833756) 3.00 Video Trips (5830027) 3.30 Mansions (6805973) 4.00 Cruising the Globe (6824008) 4.30 Kids Down Under (6813992) 5.00 Hawaii Cooks (5802244) 5.30 Cooking in America (6804244) 6.00 Video Trips (6834485) 6.30 American Adventurer (6825737) 7.00 Destinations (5822008) 7.30 Around the World (6814621) 8.00 Travel Guide (4862553) 9.00 Round Trip (9260027) 9.30 Cooking in America (5554114) 10.00 Alaska Postcards (5385008) 10.30 Destinations (5394756) 11.00 Hawaii Cooks (9232244) 11.30-12.00 Mansions (8543992)



William Holden stars in *Sunset Boulevard* (Movies Gold, 8pm)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (5374992) 8.30 Peyton Place (5373263) 9.00 As the World Turns (2581282) 10.00 Guiding Light (8012260) 11.00-12.00 Another World (4612404)

TLC

9.00am Flowers (7468089) 9.30 High Days and Holidays (1911992) 10.00 Parents Talking (4392350) 10.30 A Double Standard (1819447) 11.30 Who Cares Wins (5104060) 12.00 An Ordinary Rape (7471553) 12.30pm Cash in Hand (1922008) 1.00 High Days (5819843) 1.30 Flowers (1921379) 2.00 Draw with Don (39915756) 2.15 Extra Dimensions (4796008) 3.00 Home Video (1200195) 3.30 Furniture (8653337)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (8081331) 7.30 Neighbours (8000466) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (8548008) 8.30 EastEnders (9547379) 9.00 The Bill (9521331) 9.30 Wings (5242534) 10.30 The Lotus Eaters (88829060) 11.35 The Sullivans (19511824) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (9541195) 12.30pm Neighbours (1859640) 1.00 EastEnders (8080602) 1.30 The Bill (1858911) 2.00 Robin's Nest (8651805) 2.30 I Didn't Know You Cared (9481089) 3.00 Knots Landing (3582640) 4.00 Dynasty (3558447) 5.00 Every Second Counts (4030379) 5.35 Top of the Pops (6504718) 5.55 Terry and June (6704824) 6.30 EastEnders (9406398) 7.00 The Two Ronnies (6769843) 8.00 I Didn't Know You Cared (8671669) 8.30 Robin's Nest (8650176) 9.00 Minder (6765027) 10.00 The Bill (9542624) 10.30 Top of the Pops (1833640) 11.15 Rory Bremner (4222176) 11.55 Dr Who (7610911) 12.25am The Goodies (7280751) 1.00 Squadron (3263409) 2.00 Shopping at Night (9789119)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am It's Dropbee Time (96337) 7.00 Pastagums (8788089) 7.15 Tiflou (6712640) 7.25 Where's Wally (1532805) 7.55 Head to Head (3153973) 8.05 Eek the Cat (1098843) 8.30 Saved by the Bell (66) (34282) 9.00 Super Mario Brothers (25534) 9.30 Art Attack (51447) 10.00 Beakman's World (67669) 10.30 Bobby's World (21718) 11.00 Jem (12391) 11.30 Beverly Hills Teens (62850) 12.00 Swamp Thing (45398) 12.30pm Stunt Dawgs (55263) 1.00 Pugwall (50718) 2.00 Eek the Cat (9534) 2.30 Babysitters (1485) 3.00 Tic Tac Toons (3685534) 3.10 Around the World in Eighty Seconds (5021534) 3.45 Head to Head (1093850) 4.00 The Bots Master (2737) 4.30 Round the Twist (1621)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Toons (64973) 7.30 Grimmy (3997466) 7.45 Rugrats (154331) 8.15 Rocko's Modern Life (5722404) 8.30 Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (83534) 9.00 Nick Jr (258534) 12.00 Pee Wee's Playhouse (87350) 12.30pm The Muppet Show (11805) 1.00 Doug (63244) 1.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (10176) 2.00 Denver (6350) 2.30 Smoggies (7027) 3.00 Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (5485) 3.30 Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (8244) 4.00 Grimmy (8379) 4.30 Rugrats (7263) 5.00 Clarissa Explains it All (7602) 5.30 Doug (1843) 6.00 Guts (8756) 6.30-7.00 Dracula (8008)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (9496911) 4.30 The Arctic (9492195) 5.00 A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8673027) 5.30 The New Explorers (9483447) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (1833973) 7.00 Encyclopedia Galactica (8653263) 7.30 Arthur C Clarke's World (9493824) 8.00 Deadly Australians (8662911) 8.30 Skybound (8658718) 9.00 Secret Weapons (3545973) 9.30 Spirit of Survival (1844718) 10.00 Realm of Darkness (6766756) 11.00 From The Horse's Mouth (3557718) 11.30 Life in the Wild (3808805)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: A Walk in the Sun (1946): War drama (3819911) 2.00 thirtysomething (3807176) 3.00 My Three Sons (8665008) 3.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (9471602) 4.00 FILM: The Truth About Spring (1964): Drama (8669824) 6.00 The Green Hornet (9400114) 6.30 I Spy (6493534) 7.30 Car 54, Where Are You? (9480350) 8.00 thirtysomething (6730331) 9.00 The Twilight Zone (3572027) 9.30 Hogan's Heroes (1831244) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Revenge of the Nerds II (1987): Comedy (3563379)

UK LIVING

6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (2224008) 7.00 Living Magazine Highlights (9939486) 8.00 The Treatment (7463534) 8.30 Great Expectations (7462805) 9.00 Delia Smith (7574176) 9.35 Definition (4770756) 10.00 Trivia Trap (4394718) 10.30 The Susan Powter Show (7482669) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (5800195) 12.00 The Look (2129701) 12.35pm Kilroy (3894737) 1.30 Family Affairs (1916447) 2.00 Agony Hour (4395447) 3.00 Jayne's Living Magazine (2015517) 3.45 Gladrags and Glamour (46517447) 4.00 Infatuation UK (1803850) 4.30 Definition (57912282) 4.55 Masterchef (3045805) 5.30 Kate and Allie (7403094) 6.00 Material World (4504307) 6.30 Rodeo Drive (6958909) 7.00 Jayne's Living Magazine (4962027) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (4948447) 9.00 FILM: Prison for Children (1986): Drama (88577640) 10.55 Short Shorts (9938027) 11.00 The Susan Powter Show (5120008) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (4383602)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Tintin (3114) 5.30 Boogies Diner (2973) 6.00 Black Beauty (2114) 6.30 Through the Keyhole (3466) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (3350) 7.30 Mighty Jungle (2350) 8.00 Snowy River (53756) 9.00 Moonlighting (33992) 10.00 Catchphrase (46027) 10.30 GP (22447) 11.00 Lou Grant (73718) 12.00 Rhoda (13367) 12.30am Big Brother Jake (77577) 1.00 Catchphrase (37157) 1.30 Trivial Pursuit II (31461) 2.00 Moonlighting (28683) 3.00 Lou Grant (42312) 4.00 Rhoda (52003) 4.30-5.00 Mighty Jungle (18022)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (52848) 6.30 Grind (45447) 7.00 Awake on the Wildside (69640) 8.00 VJ Ingo (161534) 11.00 Soul (87911) 12.00 Greatest Hits (76756) 1.00pm Afternoon Mix (40992) 3.00 Sports (9517) 3.30 The Coca-Cola Report (3016073) 3.45 CineMatic (5798468) 4.00 News (1555176) 4.15 Three from One (1578027) 4.30 Dial (3909) 5.00 Music Non-Stop (28621) 7.00 Greatest Hits (46466) 8.00 Most Wanted (14553) 9.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (77485) 10.00 The Report (979195) 10.15 CineMatic (957350) 10.30 News (710992) 10.45 Three from One (715447) 11.00 The End? (74176) 1.00am Soul (20916) 2.00 The Grind (70409) 2.30-5.00 Night Videos (391683)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (1462981) 8.00 Cale (1365669) 12.00 The Bridge (6291027) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (6330195) 2.30 Heart and Soul (8656485) 3.30 Into the Music (7742992) 6.00 Prime Cuts (5551027) 7.00 For You (4855263) 8.00 Rock (4864911) 9.00 Ten of the Best (4851447) 10.00 The Bridge (2574756) 11.30 Today's Top Five (8544350) 12.00 The Nightfly (5883683) 2.00am Prime Cuts (1138799) 3.00 Rock (8336732) 4.00 Ten of the Best (8610157) 5.00-7.00 Dawn Patrol (8379596)

TV ASIA

8.45am English News (9474195) 9.00 Kaya (45911) 10.00 Hindi Movie (807824) 1.00pm Serial Nagar Pane Roop Nagar (83195) 1.30 Hindi Movie (724027) 4.30 Kiddie Time (5447) 5.00-6.00 TVA and You (6447) 7.00 Serial (7466) 7.30 Alif Laila (8992) 8.00 English News Bulletin (358992) 8.15 Hindi Movie (34190535) 11.15 Krishna (598282) 12.05am Five Past Midnight (6130667) 1.35-6.00 Sight and Sound (29788770)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then films
Theme Trading Places
7.00pm The Prince and the Pauper (1962) Disney version of the Mark Twain story (33341089) 9.10 The Prisoner of Zenda (1952) Adventure (80211319) 11.05 The Scapegoat (1959) An Englishman impersonates a French Count while on holiday (84399447) 12.50 Imitation General (1958) Comedy (56804886) 2.25-5.00 Honolulu (1939) Drama (59420461)

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Power players fight for places in World Cup

BY DAVID MILLER

THE power struggle between Africa and Latin America for additional places in the next football World Cup finals remains unresolved after meetings in New York yesterday. The finals are to be increased from 24 nations to 32 in 1998 in France.

At the end of hours of discussion, in and out of committee rooms, two alternative proposals were reached that will be put before the 21 voting members of Fifa's executive committee this morning. The first involves play-off matches between rival continents, the second is without play-offs.

Equally involved in the battle for the spoils of representation is Europe, led by the Uefa president, Lennart Johansson, of Sweden. Europe had the predominance of finalists in the United States tournament this summer, with 13 of the 24 places. However, because it had seven of the eight quarter-finalists in America, Europe is demanding a minimum two of the additional eight places that are available.

Sepp Blatter, Fifa's general secretary, had disclosed that the alternative proposals had been reached, but was unspecific on detail. The basis of the argument seems to be whether Africa or South America will increase its proportion of places to five: that would mean two extra places for either, although Latin America had one more place than Africa in the United States as a result of Argentina's play-off victory against Australia.

On Tuesday, Issa Hayatou, of Cameroon, the president of the African Confederation, said that he would not rule out an African boycott if they were not allocated two extra places in four years' time.

The break-down of places in the United States was Europe 13, Africa three, Latin America four (including one play-off place), Asia/Oceania two and Concacaf (North and Central America) two. Europe's total of 13 included Germany, the holders, while Concacaf's two included the hosts, the United States.

On Monday, João Havelange, the president of Fifa, had recommended to the executive committee that Europe should have 16 places, including the hosts, France, which would mean an increase of three, with the further recommendation of five places for South America (including the holders, Brazil), four for Africa, three for Concacaf, three for Asia and one for Oceania. Then the arguments began.

The argument is over two places, given that each of the four non-European confederations received one additional place and Europe two. Nicolas Leoz, the president of Conmebol, the South American confederation, who is not on the executive committee, made it clear yesterday that his group was resisting Africa's attempt to restrict South America to three countries plus the hosts. While South America has a history of excellence in the World Cup, led by Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, the confederation has only ten Fifa members against the 51 of Africa, 49 of Europe and 42 of Asia. Oceania has ten members.

The breakdown of voting on the executive committee today is: Europe, seven; Latin America, five; Africa, three; Asia, three; Concacaf, two; and Oceania, one.

So irritated has Havelange become with what he regards as the excessive influence of the general secretaries — Blatter within Fifa, Peter Velappan, of Asia, and Gerhard Aigner, of Uefa, in particular — that he is unofficially proposing to the executive that no secretary should be eligible to sit on any of Fifa's specialist committees.

This move, of course, would be impractical, for it is the general secretaries who, better than any, know the regulations and the legal ramifications. Havelange, however, remains incensed by the moves, unsuccessful, to find rival candidates for the Fifa presidency at the time of his re-election at Chicago in June. To come out into the open against the professional administrators suggests that Havelange is losing his grip.

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Milan appeal fails to ease Uefa penalty

AC MILAN, the European football champions, lost their appeal yesterday against the decision of Uefa, the sport's governing body in Europe, to dock them two European Cup Champions' League points for a bottle-throwing incident in their home win over Casino Salzburg last month.

Uefa's appeals board upheld a ruling by its disciplinary committee that Milan should forfeit the points earned for the victory and that they should play their next two home games in another city. It also rejected an appeal by Salzburg that the result of the match — 3-0 to Milan — should be reversed.

The incident involved the Austrians' goalkeeper, Otto Konrad, who was forced to leave the pitch some time after being hit on the head by a plastic water bottle thrown from the crowd.

Yesterday's decision angered Milan officials: "We are astonished that this is confirmed," a club spokesman, Umberto Gandini, said. "This will obviously affect our qualification chances, but we will just have to do our best." Milan are left propping up group D and now face an uphill battle to reach the knockout stage of Europe's premier club competition.

Salzburg had demanded that the two points forfeited by Milan should go to them because they said Konrad's injury had changed the course of the game.

The appeals board did, however, judge that a six-match ban on Robert Shannon, of Motherwell, had been too severe. It said a tackle that led to the Scottish player's dismissal against Borussia Dortmund in a Uefa Cup tie could not be considered a "serious foul". The ban was reduced to three matches.

Olazábal happy on home ground



José María Olazábal tees off at the 1st hole yesterday in practice for the Volvo Masters, which starts in Valderrama, Spain, today. The Masters champion yesterday delighted European tour organisers by confirming that he will not be joining the American tour on a full-time basis next year. Olazábal, ranked No 4 in the world, said he did not want to commit himself to playing 15 tournaments in the United States. "That is too many. It would make for too heavy a schedule because I want to play the European tour as well," he said. "But it was a close call. It was no toss of a coin. We thought it through. If they reduced the minimum number there to 12 tournaments it would be perfect. But there is no sign they will do that." Nick Faldo, Olazábal's Ryder Cup colleague, who is also in a strong field at Valderrama, recently announced that he would compete in more tournaments in the United States next year.

Photograph: Hugh Routledge
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Sampras makes winning return on carpet

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETE Sampras, playing his first ATP tournament since early September, struggled before beating the Czech qualifier, Daniel Vacek, in the second round of the Stockholm open tennis tournament yesterday. Sampras had a bye in the first round.

Sampras, the world's top-ranked player, won 7-6, 6-1 on the Globe Arena's carpet surface, which came in for some criticism. Organisers tried to slow down the pace of the carpet to make more attractive rallies but Sampras said there was little difference compared to last year.

"The balls are hard and the court is just lightning fast," said Sampras, who was upset in his opening match here a year ago.

Boris Becker was also unhappy, claiming a "lower quality of tennis" was produced by having two courts in the same arena. The centre court here has been split to allow spectators to enjoy two matches.

Becker, the sixth seed, complained that he was distracted by the doubles match during his victory over Richey Reneberg, of the United States. "During the first ten minutes, I could not concentrate. I was watching Agassi play his doubles," Becker said.

Also through to the third round are the No 2 seed, Goran Ivanisevic, and the No 3, Michael Stich, who both rallied to win in three sets after losing first-set tie-breaks.

Ivanisevic outlasted Jan Apell, of Sweden, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4 while Stich, who beat Ivanisevic in last year's final, defeated Thomas Enqvist, also of Sweden, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Sergi Bruguera, winner of the French Open, eliminated Mark Woodforde 6-3, 7-6 and Todd Martin beat his fellow American, David Wheaton, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Marc Rosset, who won an ATP tournament in Lyon, last week, beat Christian Bergstrom 6-4, 6-4.

Agassi, the US Open champion, who captured last week's ATP tournament in Vienna, was due to play Nicklas Kulti, of Sweden, while Stefan Edberg, a former dual winner here, was matched against Lars Rehmann, a German qualifier.

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League clubs' hopes for elite second division dashed

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENDSLEIGH Insurance League football clubs hoping to profit from the success of the FA Carling Premiership by forming an "elite second division" are likely to be disappointed. "The clubs who departed two and a half years ago are not about to share any of their wealth with anyone else," Andy Williamson, a Football League spokesman, said.

He described increasing speculation that football is about to undergo another reorganisation as "an occupational hazard".

The reduction of the Premiership to 20 clubs next season, the desire of Uefa, European football's governing body, to see that figure reduced further to 18, the reopening of television negotiations and the financial success of the FA-backed Premiership are all factors to be taken into consideration.

There was speculation yesterday that a secret meeting between representatives of the Premier League and the first-division clubs, some of which have made no secret of their desire for a closer association with the elite, had taken place.

Williamson said: "Such speculation will surface from time to time now the mould has been broken.

"How long before the rumours switch back to the formation of a British League or European League? Whether there is any greater credence in these rumours than on previous occasions is a matter for conjecture.

"But the FA were very supportive of the smaller clubs when they sponsored the concept of a Premier League and gave an undertaking that other professional clubs would not be prejudiced by its formation.

"That is not just words but a tripartite, legally binding agreement between the Football Association, the Premier League and the Football League. That lays down a number of important principles — that Premier clubs participate in the Coca-Cola Cup, that Football League clubs are not financially prejudiced and so on. So the position is not as gloomy as these articles would have people believe."

Envy of the Premiership among Endsleigh League clubs is understandable, with a £304 million Sky/BBC deal and increased sponsorship which, from next season, is to be split just 20 ways.

Yet there is as much envy within the Premiership of Manchester United's success in the Champions' League, where they have netted around £3 million so far from three games, with up to £8 million still on offer this season.

Far from sliding into obscurity, the Endsleigh League has flourished with increased interest, improved gates and arguably greater television exposure than the limited satellite audience for its sponsors, notably Coca-Cola. If it can retain the drinks firm, and persuade ITV to continue its deal when it expires at the end of the 1995-96 season, it believes it can win this latest political manoeuvre.

Rick Parry, the Premier League chief executive, insisted that no talks about a new alignment of clubs were taking place, but revealed that the idea has been discussed — and twice thrown out.

"There has been formal discussion twice within Premier League meetings — the last occasion being the summer — and it has been rejected twice.

"There are no formal discussions taking place at the moment. The issue of ensuring the gap between the two leagues is not too wide is very relevant, but whilst it is the same grouping of clubs being promoted and relegated, it means they are swapping continually and we have to be mindful in the medium and long term," Parry said.

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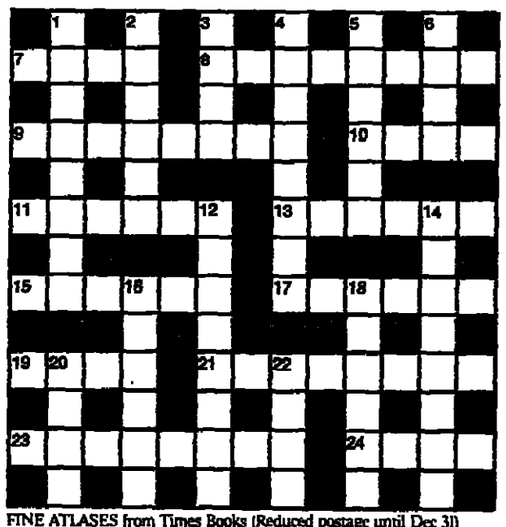
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9 Soi-disant (2-6)
10 Tiniest part (4)
11 Shout in terror; funny man (6)
13 Quirk (6)
15 Authoritarian ruler (6)
17 Down at heel (6)
19 Unfocused sight (4)
21 Fine clothes (4,4)
23 Odd-job man (8)
24 Genuine (4)

DOWN
1 Sullen, socially awkward (8)
2 Consolation (6)
3 Sweet; ass (4)
4 Hopeless investment (4,4)
5 Scared (6)
6 Vigour (4)
12 Make less severe (8)
14 Sledge (8)
16 Innocence; lack of contamination (6)
18 Polar sky phenomenon (6)
20 Bread; common sense (4)
22 Charity donation (4)

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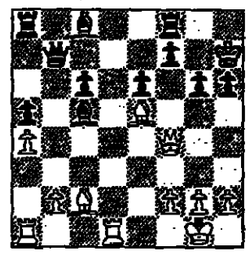
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This position is from the game Archakova - Andreyeva, Kaliningrad 1970. Black thought she was able to defend this tricky position, but she had overlooked a clever tactic on White's third move. How did the game continue?



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By Philip Howard

CHEYNE-STOKES
a. A campanological system
b. Moribund breathing
c. A swimming stroke

EIDOPHUSIKON
a. A magic lantern
b. A system of natural philosophy
c. The essence

GAU
a. A German district
b. A seabird
c. A waterproof cape

ANLAUT
a. An early submariner
b. To purify
c. The initial sound

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